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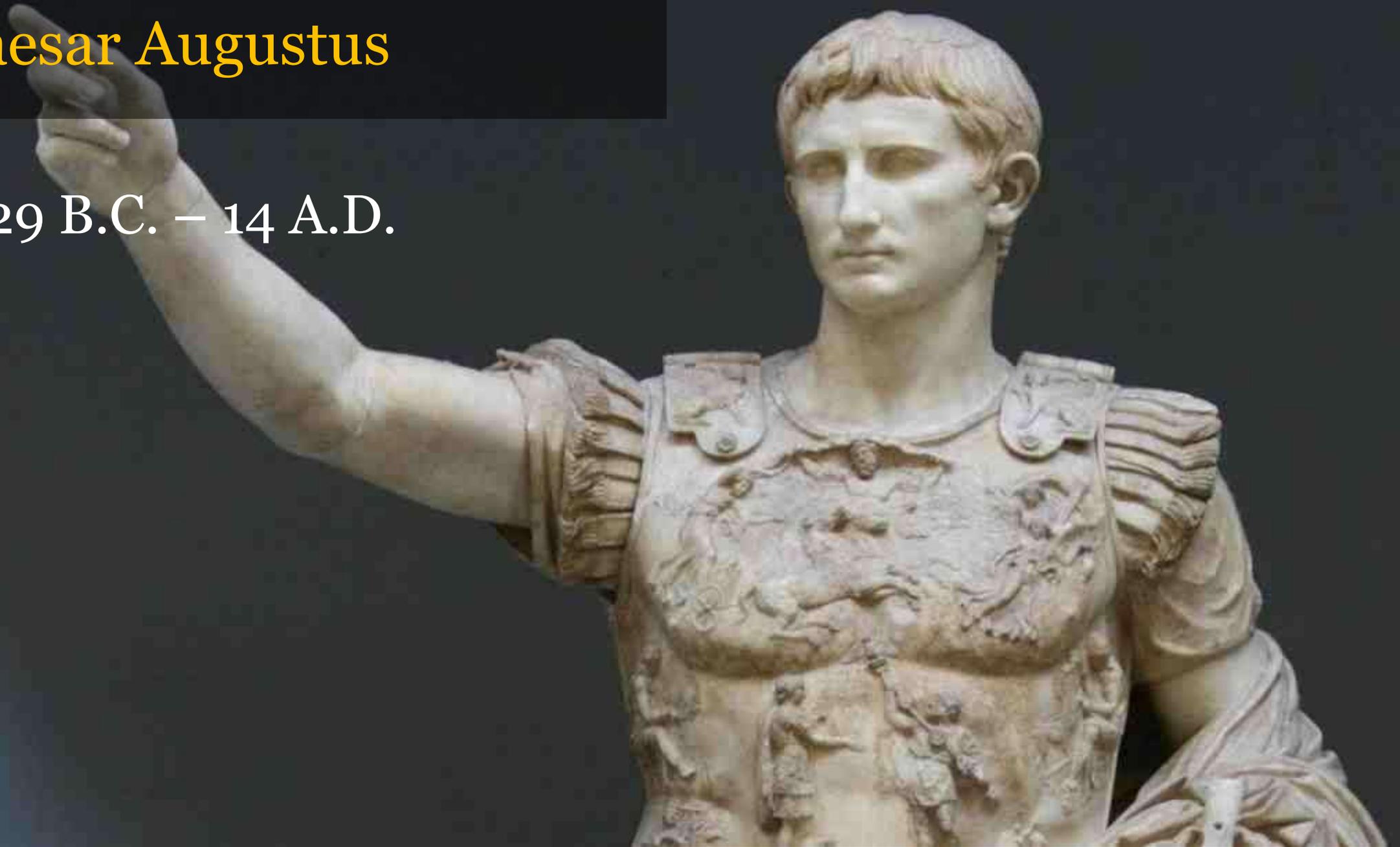


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- 29 B.C. – 14 A.D.





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## The city of David, Bethlehem

- Micah 5:2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth *are* from of old , from [a]everlasting.”  
– “*the days of eternity*”



## The birth account

- Luke 2:6-7 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a [b]manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
  - *“Feed trough”*

## No room for them in the inn

- Two words for “inn” in Luke
  - **Luke 10:34** So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
    - “pandocheion” .. An inn, a public lodging place for the reception of strangers (caravanserai)
  - **Luke 2:7** there was no room for them in the inn
    - “kataluma” a lodging place, guestchamber, from “dissolution” (breaking up of a journey)

## Why was there no room?

- **Phil 2:5-7** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, <sup>7</sup> but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.
- **Heb 4:15-16** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## His own received Him not..

- **John 1:11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- **Matthew 8:20** And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.”
- **Heb 11:12-13** Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.  
<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

## The Announcement to the Shepherds

- **Luke 2:8-12** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

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- **Luke 2:13-14** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:  
<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”
- <sup>15</sup> So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

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- **Luke 2:17-20** Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. <sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. <sup>20</sup> Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

## A Savior for the People

- **Mark 12:37** And the common people heard him gladly.
- **Colossians 3:12-13** Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.



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