

Tax is easier than it was

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I was reflecting on some aspects of the Christmas story yesterday. It is that time of the year. [I recalled this:](#)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

You have to admit that in some ways the admin burdens of tax have decreased.