

## The Birth Of Jesus

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### Introduction.

- I. One time a little four year old girl, by the name of Terrie , was listening to the radio. She suddenly exclaimed, "He is not!" The startled mother asked, "He is not what, Terrie?" Terrie replied, "That man on the radio said he was going to sing 'Jesus Is Mine', and He is not, 'cause Jesus is everybody's!"
  - A. Yes, Jesus, the wonderful Son of God, came into the world to be the Savior of all men.
  - B. The child did not understand, however, that Jesus can be our personal Savior and still be the Savior of all who love and trust Him. Every Christian can say, "Jesus Is Mine."
- II. At this point I would like to invite your attention to the reading of the first 20 verses of Luke the second chapter that tell us about the birth of Christ.

**LUK 2:1** Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. **2** This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, **5** in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. **6** And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **8 ¶** And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; **11** for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**12** "And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." **15** And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. **17** And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.**18** And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.**19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

- A. For the next few weeks men and women, boys and girls across the world will be singing about the birth of Jesus that occurred about 2,000 years ago on an unknown day.
- B. It is certainly appropriate for us to sing about the glorious birth of Christ on and before December 25 and every day throughout the year.
- C. Since the minds of men are now on the birth of Christ, perhaps more than any time during the year, it would be good for us to search the scriptures to see what they teach about the One who left the glory of heaven and came to the earth to be born of woman. As we examine the scriptures we find some marvelous and remarkable things about the birth of the Redeemer.

I. **The Right Time** - Jesus was born at the right time.

- A. Paul said. (Gal. 4:4). Paul here declares that “when the fulness of time came” that is when everything was right, God sent forth His Son to be born of woman.
- B. **The birth of Jesus then in about 4 B.C. was no accident.** It was part of God’s eternal plan.
  - 1. When Jesus came into the world, **poverty and disease** were everywhere. The Romans held **millions of slaves** and Israel was a captive nation. Men were looking for One to set them free and give them hope.
  - 2. When Jesus came into the world, the **Greek language** was spoken by most of the world. This universal language enhanced the spreading of the gospel.
  - 3. So did the **vast road system** built by the Romans. These roads, which were made to endure, greatly expedited land travel.
  - 4. When Jesus came into the world, **men had learned through thousands of years of experience** that education, wealth, pleasure, fame, animal sacrifices could not give a person real purpose in life nor peace of mind. Man had come to see he needed a Savior.

II. **The Right Place** - Jesus was born at the right place.

- A. The prophet, **Micah**, who lived hundreds of years before Christ became incarnate, prophesied that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem of Judea. (Mic. 5:2).

**MIC 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."**

- B. After many centuries **Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem** to be enrolled and while they were there the Lord of lords and King of kings was born in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn.
  - 1. The question has been asked, “**Did the Jews understand the prophecy given by Micah?** Did they know that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem?”
  - 2. The answer is “yes.”
    - a. More than 40 days after the birth of Jesus, after He had been presented in the temple, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem saying (Matt. 2:5).
    - b. When Herod the Great heard this he was troubled and he gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people and inquired of them where the Christ should be born and without hesitation they exclaimed,

“Bethlehem”, and quoted Micah’s prophecy given eight centuries before in Micah 5:2.

### III. **The Right Tribe And Family** - Jesus was born to the right tribe and family.

A. In **Genesis 22:18** God said to Abraham “in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed..”

1. Paul said the word “seed” here was singular and referred to Christ. (Gal. 3:17).
2. Later God revealed that the promised One would come through the tribe of Judah. (Gen. 49:10).
3. Centuries later God revealed that Christ would be born of the family of David which was on the tribe of Judah. (Psa. 132:11b).

#### B. **These inspired predictions were all fulfilled in Christ.**

1. After David had laid in the tomb for nearly a 1,000 years, Jesus was born of Mary who was of the family of David in the tribe of Judah. (Lk. 1:27).
2. The inspired record states that Christ was even of the family of David through Joseph his legal father. (Lk. 2:4).

### IV. **The Right Way** - Jesus was born the right way.

A. Isaiah, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. prophesied that Christ would be born of a virgin. (Isa. 7:14).

B. After more than 700 years an angel spoke to Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph saying,

**LUK 1:28 And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was greatly troubled at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end. " 34 And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.**

1. **Mary** could not understand how it would be possible for her to bear a son since she was a virgin, but the angel assured her that the conception of the child would be brought about by the Holy Spirit. Nine months later Jesus was born in Bethlehem and was called “Immanuel,” which means “God with us.”
2. **Jesus was not like other babies.** Oh, He was like a baby in some ways. He needed to be fed and changed and cuddled. But He was unlike any other baby. He was the Divine Son of God. He was eternal and the One who created the universe. He was God’s Son become flesh. (Jn. 1:1-3, 14).
  - a. **One time a father** had been away from home for a long time and his little girl looked longingly at her father’s picture and said, “Mother, I wish that Daddy would come down out of that frame.”
  - b. **That is what Jesus did.** He came down out of heaven and became a man and became real to men. He

was not, however, just a man, but He was God (Deity) in the flesh. He was the very image of God and could say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." (Jn. 14:9).

c. Paul said. (Col. 2:9).

V. **The Right Purpose** - Jesus was born for the right purpose.

A. Jesus came to **establish the kingdom of God**. (Matt. 4:17; 10:7).

1. God had prophesied to David that one of his descendants would reign forever at the right hand of God.

**PSA 89:35 "Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.**

**PSA 89:36 "His descendants shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me.**

**PSA 132:11 The Lord has sworn to David, A truth from which He will not turn back; "Of the fruit of your body I will set upon your throne.**

**ISA 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.**

2. **David** realizing that this illustrious king would be far superior to him called him Lord. (Psa. 110:1)

3. **Christ fulfilled this prediction**. He established His kingdom and is now seated in glory at the right hand of God. (Acts 2:33).

B. Jesus came to **save mankind**.

1. **Isaiah**, prophetically, said. (Isa. 53:5,6).

2. The angel announced to Joseph. (Matt. 1:21).

3. **This is exactly what Jesus did**. After 33 years of absolute sinlessness, the Sinless One went to the cross and laid down His precious life for our sins. He died that we might be saved.

**Conclusion.**

I. Years ago **King Christian of Denmark** stood one day upon a street corner and a streetcar was approaching at a rapid rate. Suddenly two little girls, about four years of age, started cross the street. They didn't see the streetcar bearing down upon them. The onlookers screamed in terror because it seemed that the little girls would be crushed beneath the wheels of the streetcar. But the king leaped forward, grasped them by the arms, and pulled them back to safety. Many times after that the girls joyously told the story of how they had been saved from death by the king.

II. Oh, once the **power of sin and death was bearing upon us to take us to hell**. But Jesus Christ, our mighty King, rushed to His own death to save us forever. We urge you to submit your life to Him and joyously tell others the wonderful story of how you have been saved from eternal death by the Lord of lord and the King of kings. Will you come and confess Christ, turn from your sins and be buried with Christ in baptism? Come as we sing!

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