

Birth of Jesus

The Life of Jesus

3 years that change the world forever

Chronology and Harmony

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- 28 The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

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- 30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

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- 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Birth of Jesus - central idea

- Jesus the Christ Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of his mother Mary.

Birth of Jesus Christ Objectives

- Jesus Christ's birth prophesied in OT
- Conceived by Holy Spirit and born of a virgin
- Jesus Christ's incarnation
- The circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth

Jesus Christ's birth prophesied in OT

- ✦ The prophecy of a coming ruler

- ✦ **Isaiah 9:6–7 (NIV)**

- ✦ 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Jesus Christ's birth prophesied in OT

- The prophecy of a virgin's son

- **Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)**

- 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Jesus Christ's birth prophesied in OT

- The prophecy concerning his birthplace

- **Micah 5:2 (NIV)**

- 2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Conceived by Holy Spirit and born of a virgin

- **Matthew 1:18 (NIV)**

- 18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ's incarnation

- **John 1:14 (NIV)**

- 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth

- An angel informs Mary that she is to be the mother of the Messiah

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The circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth

- Mary responds in praise

- **Luke 1:46–55 (NIV)**

- 46 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

The circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth

- An angel explains to Joseph why Mary's baby is so special

- **Matthew 1:20–21 (NIV)**

- 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

The circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth

- The birth of Jesus Christ takes place

- **Luke 2:5–7 (NIV)**

- 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

The circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth

- ✦ Angels announce Jesus Christ's birth to some shepherds

- ✦ **Luke 2:8–11 (NIV)**

- ✦ 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

The circumstances of Jesus Christ's birth

- The Magi search for Jesus Christ's birthplace and Herod tries to kill him

- **Matthew 2:1–3 (NIV)**

- 2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

Birth of Jesus Christ - conclusion

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Plan of Salvation — Hear

- Romans 10:17 (ESV)
- 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Plan of Salvation — Believe

- Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)
- 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must **believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Plan of Salvation — Confess

- 1 Timothy 6:12 (NIV)
- 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good **confession** in the presence of many witnesses.

Plan of Salvation — Repent

- Luke 13:3 (ESV)
- 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

Plan of Salvation — be Baptized

- Acts 2:38 (NIV)
- 38 Peter replied, “Repent and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Plan of Salvation — Steadfast

- Revelation 2:10 (NIV)
- 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be **faithful**, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

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