



THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

The spiritual significance of the events surrounding His birth

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m.

Scripture Reading: Lk 1: 26-38

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INTRO.

The Key: Understanding the **WHY** of these events.

I. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS BIRTH BY THE ANGEL GABRIEL.

- A. You shall call His name **J**_____ (Lk 1:31). Def: Jehovah saves.
- B. He will receive the **throne** of David (Lk 1: 32).
- C. Mary breaks out into a song praise known as the “**Magnificat**.”

II. THE BIRTH OF JESUS. “How can this be since I am a virgin?”

- A. The fulfillment of prophecy (Isa 7:14). An important sign!
- B. A proof of his **d**_____ (Lk 1:35) along with His resurrection (Rm 1:4).
- C. Enabled Jesus to become the perfect **m**_____ (I Tim 2:5).
- D. “His name shall be **IMMANUEL**” --God with us“(Matt 1:23)!

III. THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN AND THE SHEPHERDS.

- A. Shepherds represent the Israelites, the poor **c**_____ people.
- B. There were *three* gifts, but no indication how many wise men!
- C. The wise men represent the **G**_____ who will accept Jesus as both their King and Priest!
 - 1. Gold was a gift for **royalty** -a gift for a King!
 - 2. Frankincense & myrrh were a **p**_____ offering (Lev 2:2).

IV. REACTIONS TO THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

- A. Joseph and Mary were initially **confused** (Lk 1: 26-38).
- B. The Inn Keeper had no **r**_____ for Jesus (Lk 2: 1-7).
- C. The shepherds were filled with **curiosity** (Lk 2:8-17).
- D. Herod the Great was filled with **hatred** (Matt 2: 1-18).
- E. The wise men reacted with adoring **worship**!

CONCLUSION: What is *your* reaction?

Notes

ANSWERS:

room	Gentiles
common	priestly
	Jesus
deity	mediator