

Every Day with Jesus

Month 1

Week 1

THE BIRTH TO THE NAZARETH YEARS

Gospel Introductions

1. **God Becomes a Human Being**
2. **Jesus' Genealogies**
3. **Why Luke Wrote His Gospel**

*Unless noted otherwise, Scripture translations are from a combination of the NIV, NASV and Amplified Bible. To find answers to the questions most people ask, when trying to understand the Bible, see "The Quest Study Bible".

John 1:1-18

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A. JESUS BRINGS REVELATION

"The Word was God. / The Word became a human being (flesh). / No one has ever seen God at any time. The uniquely begotten Son, who came from the bosom of the Father, has brought him out into the open where he can be seen." (Jn. 1)

Creation 1:1-2 John says, "**No one has ever seen God**" - we cannot even IMAGINE God. Any picture we draw comes from what we see around us and He made them and it is not Him.

Psalm 19 says the universe "**speaks**" to us. It says - **He EXISTS**. Belief in a creator is innate, part of what it means to be human. Human beings have sight. A tiny, infinitesimal, number of people who have been born blind does not alter the fact that human beings can see.

A communist girl put on her test that the inscription on Lenin's tomb was "religion is the opiate of the people". When she learned that was right she said, "Thank God"

The atheist has not been born yet who can convince us that the laughter of a baby; the love

of a mother and three little bones floating in our ear, shaped like an anvil; a stirrup and a hammer enabling us to hear, come from time and slime.

Faith We do not know this, we believe it. Hebrews 11 says we take it by faith. Thinking about God, reason and logic take a back seat. The atheist believes in an uncreated *creation* (universe) which is absurd. Logic says somebody has to *make* a universe. The rest of us believe in an uncreated *Creator*, which is just as absurd.

We cannot prove it but Augustine (400's AD) said. "*Arguments for the existence of God, for the believer are unnecessary and for the unbeliever are unconvincing.*" The Bible dismisses atheism with one verse, "**The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.**" Herschel Hobbs says, "**He said it in His heart; his head knew better.**"

Creation tells us He is **POWERFUL** enough to hurl billions of flaming suns out into space and **WISE** enough to put our sun just the right distance from us so we can sustain life. Psalm 19 adds all this up and uses the untranslatable term "**glory**". "**The heavens (universe) declare the glory of God.**"

Blasé Pascal, the man who discoveries led to the modern computer was also a devout Christian. In his lectures he loved to say if there is no God, Christians have peace, believing their life has meaning; that God is in control of history and they will see their loved ones after death in a wonderful place called Heaven. This does not cost them very much - a few hours on Sunday and a few dollars out of their income. However, If there is a God, those who do not believe "have made one hell of a mistake".

Romans 2:1-16

Day 2

Romans 2:15

"God's laws are written on people's hearts. Their conscience and their thoughts will be a witness, speaking for and against them on