

The Best Gift
Sunday, December 22, 2024
Lesson #2

2 Corinthians 9:15 “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

Luke 1:31 “You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus.”

Matthew 1:19 “Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”

Matthew 1:20 “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.”

Matthew 1:21 “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,^[1] because he will save his people from their sins.”

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Matthew 1:24 “When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”

Matthew 1:22 “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.”

Matthew 1:23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).”

Matthew 1:25 “But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

I. God used a census to move Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem.

Luke 2:1 “In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.”

Luke 2:2 “(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)”

II. God used the compliance of Joseph and Mary and relocated them.

Luke 2:3 “And everyone went to their own town to register.”

Luke 2:4 “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.”

III. God used Mary to carry the Christ child to Bethlehem.

A. Jesus was delivered.

Luke 2:5 “He went there (in Bethlehem) 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.”

Micah 5:2 “But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

John 6:35 “Then Jesus declared, “I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and He who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

John 6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from Heaven.”

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Galatians 4:4 “But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ^[5] to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.”

Luke 2:7 “And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.”

Isaiah 9:6 “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.”

B. Jesus was wrapped in cloths.

Luke 2:7b “... She wrapped him in cloths”

Luke 2:12 “This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

C. Jesus was placed in a manger.

Luke 2:7c “... and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

2 Corinthians 8:9 “Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich.”

Matthew 20:28 “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Lessons from the Birth of Jesus!

A. God directs His obedient children.

Luke 1:35 “The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”

Luke 1:38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.”

Matthew 1:24 “When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”

B. God delivers on His promises.

Luke 2:7 “And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

C. God will deliver those who put their trust in Jesus.

I John 4:14 “And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Hebrews 9:26b “...But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the age to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

John 1:12 “Yet to all who received Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”