

## JUST MY OPINION

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I so often write about the evil of the world that is attempting to devour not only our great country but the world as a whole. I tend to forget that regardless of what man does to mankind and to our world, the end of the story turns out wonderful for those who believe in Jesus Christ. For no man can destroy God's plan. Let's not forget what this time of year really is about, Jesus, our Redeemer and Savior that will be the ultimate Ruler.

This is a summary of the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus. You can read more in-depth Bible verses from the Scripture below and use the articles and videos to understand the meaning of this world-changing event in the Bible.

*Almost 2,000 years ago, a young woman from the town of Nazareth named Mary was visited by an angel named Gabriel. Gabriel told the Jewish woman that she would have a son named Jesus and that he would be the Son of God. At this time, Mary was engaged to her soon-to-be husband Joseph. When Mary told Joseph, he was hurt and confused because he did not believe Mary. The angel Gabriel visited Joseph and told him that Mary would be pregnant from the Lord and that she would have a son named Jesus who would save the people. From there, Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem because of an order from the Roman emperor that a census, or record, of all people, be taken in their hometown. After traveling pregnant on a donkey for several days, Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem and were told that there were no places to stay. The inns were full. Seeing that Mary was due at any moment, an owner of an inn told Joseph that they could stay in his stable.*

*Mary and Joseph settled down on the hay in a stable with animals sleeping.*

*Mary went into labor and Jesus was born in the stable. The only place for the sleeping baby to rest, was most likely in the animals trough, known as the manger.*

*During this time, an angel appeared to shepherds who were watching their flocks in the fields near Bethlehem. The angel told them the good news of the birth of the Savior and Messiah, Jesus Christ. The shepherds immediately went to find baby Jesus, which the angels told them they would find sleeping in the manger.*

*After some time, three wise men, also known as magi, saw the brilliant star in that sky that rested over where Jesus was born. The three wise men traveled from a far eastern country to find the new king. During the wise men's trip, Herod the king of Judah met with the wise men and told them to come back and let him know where the baby king was so that he could go worship him as well. The wise men continued to Bethlehem and found Jesus right where the star pointed. They knelt and worshipped the Savior and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They then traveled back home a different way knowing that King Herod was not intending to worship Jesus but that he planned to kill the baby.*

Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the coming of our Savior at Christmas time. Read the full Scripture passages for the accounts of Jesus' birth in Bible books of Luke and Matthew. The above was compiled and edited by BibleStudyToolStaff on 2/2/2012.

Just in case you need just a little political news this week, let me say that the Bible states, One day, Jesus will be the Ruler of All nations! Hallelujah!

Jesus Christ is much more than "Just my opinion", He is my Savior and Redeemer!