

I. A Timely and Miraculous Birth...

A. In the Fullness of time... *Luke 2:1-2 cf. Galatians 4:4*

1. In Bethlehem as the prophets foretold, *Luke 2:3-5*

Observation: The world must help bring the Kingdom of God... see *Psalm 2*

2. The Roman edict... *Micah 5:2, the Wiseman knew... Matthew 2:5-6; John 7:42*
3. In Nazareth as well...
 - a. Joseph, *Matthew 1:19*
 - b. Mary, *Luke 1:30*

Observation: 1. All things move with Divine, heavenly precision...
2. Consider the significance of these things...

B. A Miraculous Birth...

1. On the one hand a very normal birth...
2. On the other hand something unique and miraculous...
 - a. Jesus was Mary's firstborn son...
 - b. Mary was a virgin...
 - c. A greater miracle, the incarnation...

Observations:

II. A Glorious Position

He is not only Mary's firstborn but also...

A. God's Firstborn son... *Hebrews 1:6*

Observation:

B. The Firstborn of all creation... *Colossians 1:15*

Observation:

C. The Firstborn of the church... *Romans 8:29; Hebrews 12:23*

Observation: 1. God has determined to bless His people...
2. All the Blessings of God are in Christ...

D. Christ must make "atonement..."

1. He must be a man...
2. He must be God...

Observations:

III. A Necessary Humiliation...

II Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:6-7 cf. Matthew 20:28

Gospel Application: