

# A Clear Picture of the Baby

Luke Chapter 2, the early days of Jesus *Dr. Chris Mueller* Christmas Sunday 12-23-2018

## Introduction:

Galatians 4:4 *when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law*

John 14:6 *I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.*

## #1 Jesus was born with purposeful \_\_\_\_\_ and commonness 1-7

1 Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. 2 This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. 6 And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Micah 5:2 *as for you, Bethlehem ...From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity.*

Isaiah 9:6 *For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

## #2 Jesus' birth was celebrated by all of \_\_\_\_\_ and shared with a few 8-20

Acts 4:20 *for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard*

## #3 Jesus' parents were \_\_\_\_\_ and Christ was remnant confirmed 21-39

21 And when eight days were completed before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. 22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every first-born male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord"), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

## #4 Jesus' family didn't understand His \_\_\_\_\_ 40-52

40 And the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Hebrews 4:15 *we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*

1<sup>st</sup> *Jesus had a great hunger to learn the things of God*

2<sup>nd</sup> *Jesus must submit to His heavenly Father first, before His earthly parents*

48 *Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you; 49 Did you not know that I had to be in My Father's house?*

50 *And they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.*

51 *He went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and He continued in subjection to them*

52 *And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*

## Take Home:

A Jesus' family never fully \_\_\_\_\_ Christ until after He rose from the dead

1 Peter 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

B The Lord's early difficulties were all God's perfect \_\_\_\_\_

C The Lord's birth proves He is worthy of your \_\_\_\_\_

11 *for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

Psalms 139:6 *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.*

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is it that most people today don't even acknowledge the birth of Christ, God born a man?
2. What is it about the birth of Christ that causes you to respond in worship and awe?
3. What truth from Luke chapter 2 convicted you the most, and what steps will you take to apply it this week?

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