

WHERE DO I STAND WITH GOD? Lesson 3: Jesus' Birth



Definitions

Ahaz - one of the kings of Judah, the southern kingdom of the divided nation of Israel

Christ - anointed one. In Old Testament times, they would anoint (*pour oil on*) the head of someone who was being given a special task or job. For example, the prophet Samuel anointed David to be the next king of Israel (See 1 Samuel 16:1,13).

Ephratah or **Ephrathah** - part of the ancient name of the city of Bethlehem

Holy Spirit - Higher than the angels and on a level equal with God and Jesus, He helps God and Jesus in everything They do; also called "the Holy Ghost", "the Spirit of God", "the Helper", and "the Comforter"

prophet - a person who, by the Holy Spirit's power, spoke for God often telling about things that would happen in the future; most of their writings are in the Old Testament

Directions: Read each passage of Scripture and answer the questions following in the space provided.

Isaiah 7:10-14 What sign was God going to give His people? (vs. 14) _____

Micah 5:2 What was going to come out of the city of Bethlehem? _____

Luke 1.26-38 - In verses 26 & 27, an angel was sent to someone. What was the angel's name and to whom was he sent?

To whom was Mary engaged? (vs. 27) _____

What did the angel say would happen to Mary? (vss. 31 & 35) _____

What was the son's name going to be? (vs. 31) _____

What was going to be special about this son? (vss. 32-33) _____

Why did this surprise Mary? (vss. 27 & 34) _____

How was Mary to become pregnant (by whose power)? (vs. 35) _____

How did Mary react to all this? (vs. 38) _____

Matthew 1.18-25 - To whom did the angel appear in these verses? _____

What did the angel say about the origin of Mary's child? (vs. 20) _____

From what would this child save us? (vs. 21) _____

What did Joseph decide to do? (vss. 24-25) _____

Note: In verse 25 it says that Joseph had no relation or union with Mary until Jesus was born meaning that, even though they became husband and wife before Jesus' birth, they did not begin their sexual relationship until after Jesus was born.

Luke 2.1-20 - In what city was Jesus born? (vs. 4) _____

Note: In verse 7 we read that Mary placed Jesus in a manger since there was no room in the inn for them. This implies that Jesus was born in a stable or barn.

Who initially appeared to the shepherds that night? (vs. 9) _____

The angel describes the message he was bringing as “good news (or tidings) of great joy.” For whom was this news? (vs. 10)

What did the angel tell the shepherds about Jesus? (vss. 11-12) _____

What did the shepherds do concerning this news about Jesus? (vss. 17-18) _____

END OF LESSON 3

For further reading on Jesus’ birth and youth see the following passages:

- Matthew 2:1-12 *The story of the wise men*
- Matthew 2:13-18 *Herod tries to find and kill Jesus*
- Matthew 2:19-23 *Jesus moves to Nazareth*
- Luke 2.21-40 *The baby Jesus in Jerusalem*
- Luke 3.41-52 *Jesus in the temple*



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