

"JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE"
CHRIST'S BIRTH - LIFE - DEATH

INTRO: The Christmas season is the time to remember what all **JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE FOR US BY COMING TO THE EARTH.** This Christmas our theme has been that **JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE.** Today, to continue and support that theme, we are going to briefly consider **THE BIRTH, THE LIFE AND THE DEATH** of our Lord and show how it relates to His overall mission to provide **SALVATION FOR THE ENTIRE WORLD.**

NOTE: Our study of the BIRTH, THE LIFE AND THE DEATH OF CHRIST will come from look at the GOSPEL OF LUKE.

I. THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST - LUKE 2:10,11; 29-33

A. The Place of Christ's Birth - 2:11

"THE CITY OF DAVID" (BETHLEHEM)

1. Was Predicted in Micah 5:2 in 710 BC
2. Was Located 5 miles south of Jerusalem
 - a. The Place of King David's Birth
 - b. The Place of King David's Anointing

B. The Purpose of Christ's Birth - 2:11

TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

1. This text is one of only TWO PLACES IN THE GOSPELS where Christ is referred to as **A SAVIOR.** The other place is in John 4:42 where the men of Sychar confessed Christ as **"THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD."**
2. Christ called **A SAVIOR is very significant because it relates the PUROSE OF HIS INCARNATION.** (Matthew 1:23)
3. Note that "SAVIOR" means **One who "DELIVERS AND PRESERVES."** Jesus Christ came into the world to **Deliver us from Sin and to Preserve us for all of eternity.**

C. The Person of Christ's Birth - 2:11

1. He is THE CHRIST - **THE ANTICIPATED JEWISH MESSIAH.**
2. He is THE LORD - **THE DIVINE MASTER OF ALL**

NOTE: In both of these titles we see Jesus' connection with **Jews and Gentiles**

D. The Professions of Christ's Birth - 2:29-38

1. The Profession of Simeon
(Simeon was "Just," Devout" and anticipating the Messiah's coming.)
CHRIST CAME BEFORE THE FACE "OF ALL PEOPLE"
 - a. For the Gentiles - To give them **LIGHT** upon God's Salvation
 - b. For the Jews - To give them **GLORY**
 - 1) Through bringing the Messiah into the world
 - 2) Through the eventual Restoration of Israel to Honor and Glory
2. The Profession of Anna
(Anna was a faithful Servant of God and Prayer Warrior)
 - a. She thanked God for the arrival of Christ the Messiah
 - b. She spoke to others about who Christ was

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE LIFE OF CHRIST

NOTE: Very little is known about Christ apart from scripture. We know of His birth, His temple dedication at 8 days old in Luke 2:21-39 and His visit to the temple at 12 years old in Luke 2:41-50 and then His ministry after age 30-33. **Beyond that we know virtually nothing, although there are some "APOCRYPHAL GOSPELS" such as "THE GOSPEL OF INFANCY" in which blasphemous absurdities about Christ are told. CONSIDER SOME KNOWN THINGS:**

A. The Childhood of Christ

1. His Home was in Nazareth - Called **"A small despised village inhabited by wild people."** Note the words of Nathanael in John 1:46 when he said to his brother Philip, **"CAN THERE ANY GOOD THING COME OUT OF NAZARETH?"**
2. His Family consisted of at least 8 members - Matthew 13:55-57
3. His Education (Note: Luke 2:40-52 and John 7:15) came from His mother, Mary, His synagogue, and His school (The House of the Book) that was in every Jewish town. **He knew three languages: Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek.**

B. The Occupation of Christ

1. He was a carpenter - Mark 6:13
2. Church father Justin Matyr of the first and second century said:

"He was among men and made ploughs and yokes, and other farm implements."

C. The Spirituality of Christ

HE WAS PERFECTLY SINLESS

1. He Faced Temptation - Matthew 4:15 (Lust of the flesh, the eye and the pride of life - just like us all)
2. He Never Sinned - Hebrews 4:15

NOTE: Christ's temptations probably were greater than ours because He was the perfect GOD/MAN....**BUT HE DID NOT YIELD AND SIN!**

D. The Ministry of Christ

Note Luke 4:18,19

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III. THE DEATH OF CHRIST - LUKE 18:31-34

- A. The Place - Vs. 31a
-Jerusalem (Golgotha) John 19:17
- B. The Prophecies - Vs. 31b
-Psalm 22; 69; Isaiah 53
- C. The Process - Vss. 31-33
- D. The Purpose
-Romans 5:6-11
 - a. To Pay our Debt of Sin - Vss. 6-8
 - b. To Save us from God's Wrath - Vs. 9
 - c. To Reconcile us to God - Vs. 10
 - d. To Atonement for our Sin - Vs. 11

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LESSON/APPLICATION

TRUST CHRIST - SERVE CHRIST - SHARE CHRIST - WORSHIP CHRIST