

The Birth Of Jesus

In 274 AD Aurelian Emperor of Rome declared December 25th the birth day of the sun god Sol Invictus and declared this a holiday and feast day through-out the empire. This was during a great persecution of Christians ... so in order not to stand out Christians simply declared it a holiday too and said something like “we’ll celebrate it as Jesus’ birthday” The word Christ mas is a Catholic word added many years later. Now look at how commercial the world views Christ’s birth. This is a great example of why not to go beyond the word of God to do any-thing good or bad of our own mind. Having said all this ... there is still probably more good than bad in Christmas. Now we will study Christ’s birth:

The angel appears to Joseph

Matthew 1:18-23

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Genesis 24:16 And the damsel [*was*] very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

Genesis 24:43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, that when the virgin cometh forth to draw [*water*], and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Matthew 1:24-25 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

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Luke 2:1-7

Angels appear to the shepherds

Luke 2:8-10

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Luke 2:11-20

Jesus Presented to the Lord in the temple

Luke 2:21-24

Jesus presented in temple to Simeon & Anna

Luke 2:25-38

Wise men from the east

Matthew 2:1-2

Numbers 23 & 24

Matthew 2:3-6

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, [*though*] thou be little among the thousands of Judah, [*yef*] out of thee shall he come forth unto me [*that is*] to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth [*have been*] from of old, from everlasting.

Micah 5:1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

Matthew 2:7-10

Isaiah 60:1-3 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Matthew 2:11

Isaiah 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

Matthew 2:12

cf: Numbers 23 & 24

Joseph warned in dream to flee to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-18

Jeremiah 31:15 Thus saith the LORD; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, [*and*] bitter weeping; Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they [*were*] not.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel,

and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day [*that*] I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:⁷ 33 But this [*shall be*] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

This preface of John carries us back to the account given in Genesis of the beginning of all things, when, "In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth."

The passage declares that at that time, before creation, the Word existed, was with God and separate from him, but was God, or divine. What this Word is we learn from verse 14th, where it is stated that it became flesh and dwelt among men in the person of Christ.

These deep thoughts upon the divine Word, almost too deep for human understanding.

This passage then affirms: 1. That the person afterwards manifest as the Christ existed before creation began; 2. That he was present with God; 3. That he was divine; 4. That he was the Word; 5. That by or through him were all things made that were made (verse 3).

The first chapter of Genesis helps us to understand its meaning. God said, "Let there be light," "Let there be a firmament," "Let the earth bring forth," etc., and it was done. God exhibits his creative power through the Word, and also manifests his will through the Word.

When Jesus came he was "the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of his person," the manifestation of the Father, the "Word made flesh and dwelling among men."

There are mysteries belonging to the divine nature and to the relation between the Son and the Father that we have to wait for eternity to solve.

They are too deep for human solution, but this is clear: that God creates and speaks to man through the Word. As we clothe our thoughts in words, God reveals his will by the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:14. And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

The Word assumed a human form and became incarnate as the child of Mary. It did not merely [30] manifest itself, but dwelt among us for about thirty three years.

The Word incarnate, Christ, was full of grace and truth; His mission was one of grace or favor to men, and he was the Truth, as well as the Way and the Life.

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