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THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND ITS TEACHINGS

“So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’” (Matthew 1:22–23)

Objectives

Knowledge of God’s Will	Understand the many events that happened before and after the birth of Jesus.
Knowledge of God	God is sovereign, and He is in control of history. His prophecies never fail. With God, nothing is impossible.
Good Work	Trust in God’s sovereignty. Live upright lives. Serve God wholeheartedly.

A. The Prophecies of Jesus’ Birth and Their Fulfillment

Hundreds of years before Jesus Christ’s birth, God’s prophets wrote specific details about His birth, life and death. Imagine knowing exactly what will happen hundreds of years from now, when we do not even know what will happen tomorrow! But with God, all things are possible!

1. *The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem*
We can find this prophecy in Micah 5:2. It is fulfilled in Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:15; and John 7:42.
2. *The Messiah will be born of a virgin*
This prophecy is written in Isaiah 7:14 and fulfilled in Matthew 1:23.
3. *The Messiah will be a descendant of David*
Two prophets recorded this: Isaiah 11:1 and Jeremiah 23:5. It is fulfilled in Luke 3:31.

B. God Chooses Joseph and Mary

Out of thousands of Israelites, these two were chosen to raise God’s one and only Son. We can see what kind of people they were from their reactions when they discovered what was planned for them.

1. **Joseph**
 - a. He was not Jesus’ biological father (Mt 1:18, 25).
 - b. Joseph did not understand the true nature of Mary’s pregnancy until an angel of the Lord spoke to him in a dream (Mt 1:19–24). After, he married Mary according to God’s will.
 - c. Joseph had three beautiful qualities: righteousness, the fear of God, and humility.
2. **Mary**
 - a. Gabriel spoke to Mary about her pregnancy (Lk 1:26–38).
 - b. Mary wrote a song in which she praised God for His faithfulness (Lk 1:46–55). We can learn a lot about her personality particularly from verse 48.
 - c. Mary was joyful when chosen by God, humble before God, and eager to do His will (Lk 1:46–47; 1:38; 2:19).

C. Witnesses and Testimonies of Jesus’ Birth

When Jesus was born, there were many people—strangers to Joseph and Mary—who learned of Jesus’ birth and who understood that He was the Messiah prophesied in the Old Testament. Each of these people witnessed and testified about what they learned (Lk 2:1–39; Mt 2:1–12).

Life Application

1. Why and how should we trust in God’s sovereignty?
2. How do we serve God according to the examples of Joseph, Mary, Simeon and Anna?

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Lesson 1 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Matthew 1:22–23):

1. What does the memory verse tell us about God’s sovereign nature, and how does this affect us?
2. Which prophecy was fulfilled in Luke 3:31? Write down its location(s) in the Old Testament.
3. How did Mary respond to Gabriel’s news? What was Joseph’s reaction after his dream from God?
4. Who were the two workers that God revealed Jesus’ birth to? How does the Bible describe them?
5. How should we live our life based on Anna’s example?
6. Based on Mary’s example, are we joyful in doing God’s will and carrying out His plan for us?