

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE DESTINY OF HUMANITY

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PART 36: THE STAR GOSPEL

THE INCARNATION

God's plan was to have Jesus come down to earth and enter into a physical body to accomplish the atonement for the human race. In order for Jesus to qualify for this project, He had to limit Himself and live like a human being until He reached the legal age of 30 and could start His ministry. Jesus was to live a sinless life on earth, and yet be tempted in all matters, just like any other human being. **Hebrews 4:14-16; Romans 3:21-26; 1 Corinthians 2:7-8**

Once Jesus entered His physical body, He could no longer communicate in the spirit world with God the Father, but had to pray to the Father like everyone else. **John 5:19-30**

Jesus entered into the physical body produced by Mary at the time of conception by the Holy Spirit. Jesus had supernatural knowledge and was aware of his destiny at the age of twelve. **Luke 2:40-52; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19**

Jesus does not have a birthday since He has always existed. His physical body had a birthday, but Jesus never told us to celebrate his birthday like so many do at Christmas. In fact, the New Testament doesn't record the day or the month that Mary gave birth. On the other hand, December 25th was the birthday of Tammuz in the pagan world. In order for the Roman Catholic Church to stamp out this pagan celebration among its members, Tammuz was exchanged for Jesus, but all the traditions and rituals were kept.¹

THE BIRTH

God decreed that Jesus' body would be born in the Judean city of Bethlehem since this information was given to Micah around 700 years earlier. **Micah 5:2**

Joseph and Mary lived in Galilee, which is in northern Israel. Before the foundation of the world, God had selected the time of the Roman Empire for the body of the Messiah to be born and angels were used to put the thought of taxation into the mind of Emperor Augustus. **Luke 2:1-3**

This event forced Joseph and a heavily pregnant Mary to travel during the autumn season to Bethlehem, a distance of about 98 miles. Not long after they had arrived in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to the body of Jesus. **verses 4-7**

God wanted the world to know the Messiah had been born and did so through a mass gathering of holy angels. This was not only seen by the shepherds, but also by Lucifer and those in his kingdom. **verses 8-14**

¹ If you want more information, I recommend the article "Should Christians Celebrate Christmas?" as it provides more detail than space allows here.

www.eaec.org/bibleanswers/christmas/christians_and_christmas.htm



The first humans to worship the Messiah were the shepherds, who then told others that the long awaited Messiah had finally arrived. **verses 15-18**

THE STAR GOSPEL

The Books of Enoch were written some 800 years after Adam. Noah was in the possession of these books and they survived the Flood. Enoch was given great revelations about the “Son of Man” and “Redeemer” and this knowledge ended up in Chaldea, which is located in what is today southern Iraq.

We have no written records of the star gospel, which was a future sign about the coming King of the Jews. We only know that wise men traveled from Chaldea after seeing a special star to find the King. They ended up in the city of Jerusalem, and since they were wealthy rulers from their country, they sought an audience with King Herod, who was a vassal king of the Roman government. **Matthew 2:1-2**

Herod was an Idumaeon (a descendant of Esau) and the people of Edom had converted to Judaism centuries ago. He was a slick politician who would not hesitate to murder if it would further his own agenda and had zero knowledge of the Old Testament. When Herod heard that a king of the Jews had been born, he panicked and called together the religious leadership to find out what was going on. **verses 3-6**

Once Herod found out that a prophetic word had been given hundreds of years earlier, he began to scheme how to kill this newborn king and wanted to know what the wise men knew. **verse 7**

He commissioned the wise men to go to Bethlehem and find the child. In examining the timeline, it is obvious that the wise men saw the star and arrived at Jerusalem some 2 years after Mary given birth since Herod would order the deaths of all boys 2 years old and younger. **verse 8**

It becomes clear that the star seen by the wise men was not in fact a real star but a supernatural light that guided them as they left Jerusalem and traveled to Bethlehem and caused them to stop at the house where Joseph and Mary resided. **verses 9-10**

Compare this with the guidance the Israelites received after leaving Egypt. **Exodus 13:21-22**

God had prepared the wealthy wise men to worship Jesus and provide Joseph with the financial means to evade Herod since God was going to send this poor carpenter to Egypt for an unknown period of time. My personal estimate is that the gifts were valued around \$100,000 in today’s money and they enabled Joseph to travel to Egypt and pay for food and lodging. **Matthew 2:11; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Jeremiah 1:4-5**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?