

Birth Of Our Savior

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S#1.

A. The purpose of this presentation is to allow God to tell us about His Savior for us

1. Our Savior was planned before we were even created.

I Pet. 1: 18-20 – knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **19** but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. **20** For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you **21** who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

S#2.

2. When man fell, God promised to send a Savior through the womb of a woman.

Gen. 3: 15 – (*God to the serpent*) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

S#3.

3. Near seven hundred (700) years before the birth of the Savior God foretold His birth.

Isa. 7: 14 – Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

S#4.

4. The Savior was born right on schedule just as God foretold.

Gal. 4: 4 – But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

B. It was essential that the Savior be flesh and blood. Inseminated

1. In order for man to be saved from sin, there had to a blood sacrifice to atone.

Rom. 4: 25 – ... the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; **25** whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith, ...

S#5.

2. Jesus had to have a body before He could die for our sins. (*Thanatos*)

Heb. 10: 4-5 – For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to takes away **5** Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

C. God prepared a divine sacrifice for sin in the womb of Mary.

S#6.

1. God thought highly of Mary so He asked her to give birth to the Savior.

Ron : **Luke 1: 26-38 ... Read**

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, **27** to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." **29** But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. **30** The angel said to her, " Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. **31** "And behold, you

will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. **32** "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; **33** and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." **34** Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" **35** The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. **36** "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. **37** "For nothing will be impossible with God." **38** And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

- a. The angel Gabriel was the messenger of God sent to speak to Mary.
 - b. When told she would bear the great King, Mary objected that she was a virgin.
 - c. Mary gave her consent to be inseminated. *Mary's egg was fertilized=conceived.*
 - * d. Mary age is not given, but girls typically married in late teens or early 20s.
* *Would God have asked Mary below the legal age of consent ?*
2. God asked Joseph to be a stepfather to His son.

Ron : **Matt. 1: 18-25 ... Read**

S#7.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. **19** And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. **20** But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." **22** Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: **23** "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." **24** And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, **25** but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

- a. God chose a "righteous man" to raise His child.
 - b. Joseph knew he had not fornicated with Mary.
 - c. He cared for her so he planned to be discrete when divorcing her.
 - * d. He believed and obeyed the messenger from God.
 - e. This all happened very quickly after Mary conceived. (*Elizabeth still pregnant*)
3. God arranges for Jesus to be born in Bethlehem as prophesied.

- a. **Micah 5: 2** – But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity. **S#8.**

b. Butch : Luke 2: 1-7 ... Read**S#9.**

1 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. **2** This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. **4** Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, **5** in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. **6** While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

- c. This census was an unusual event to determine the tax base.
- d. Nazareth to Bethlehem = 80 miles while VERY pregnant. (**4 to 10 days**)
- e. Inn { *kataluma* } guest room, lodging place, chamber (*modern motels did not exist*)
- f. They would have arrived in a group that traveled together. (*Largely relatives*)

D. God first announced the birth of His son to common people, not leaders. S#10.

- 1. The first announcement went to shepherds in the field. (*Not winter*)

Butch : Luke 2: 8-20 ... Read

8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; **11** for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** " This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 " Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." **16** So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. **17** When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. **19** But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

- a. The angel was before them ... NOT hovering above them.
 - b. The additional angels sang ... singing is most often linked to joy. (**Jas 5**)
 - c. The shepherds responded to the message.
- 2. Jesus came to be the savior of the world so His birth was also announced abroad.

Bob : **Matt. 2: 1-15 ... Read**

S#11.

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, **2** "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." **3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;
FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'"

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." **9** After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

13 Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. **15** He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

- a. The magi had to have had some revelation to know to expect the star.
- b. They had traveled for two years. (*They did not arrive on the day of His birth.*)
- c. They understood that the child was worthy of worship, i.e., more than king.
- d. Their gifts were the traditional gifts give to kings. (*3 classes of gifts, not 3 magi*)

E. From the very beginning Satan tried to prevent the ministry of Jesus.

S#12.

- 1. Cain killed the son of Eve trying to prevent ... **Gen. 4**
- 2. Herod tried to kill Jesus in infancy. ... **Matt. 2: 16-18**
- 3. Satan tried to cause Jesus to stumble before He started His ministry. ... **Matt 4:1-11**
- 4. Satan engineered the crucifixion of Jesus. ... **Matt. 27**

F. The death, burial and resurrection was the core of God's plan which will culminated in His return to take us home to Heaven with Him.

S#13.

1. **Acts 2: 22-24** – Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — **23** this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. **24** But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. S#14.
2. **I Pet. 2: 24** – He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. S#15.

G. Salvation was planned before creation, but never forced on anyone. S#16.

1. God asked Mary before impregnating her.
2. God convinced Joseph to raise His Son.
3. God invited people to be saved today.
 - a. **Mark 16: 15-16** – And He said to them, " Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **16** He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. S#176.
 - b. **Acts 3: 19** – Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; S#18.

H. Unto you a Savior is born. S#19.

1. Have you surrender to Him as Lord of your life ?
2. Have you obeyed His gospel ?

S#20. ... Communion Slide