

## JESUS (CREATOR GOD'S SON) IS BORN

### Where will Jesus Christ be born? – written about 700 B.C.

Micah 5:2 (Old Testament):

2Bethlehem town is very small in Israel. But from Bethlehem will come a leader for Israel. This leader is from eternity past.

### Jesus' Birth – Luke 2:4-20 (New Testament)

(about A.D. 1 in Israel)

4Joseph went about 150 kilometers (90 miles) from the town of Nazareth to the town of Bethlehem. Bethlehem was Joseph's hometown. 5He went to Bethlehem to register. He was engaged to Mary, so Mary went with Joseph. Mary was pregnant [by God's Holy Spirit].

6Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem – and it was time for the baby to be born.

7Mary gave birth to her first son. She put him in a manger, because the inn was full – there was no room for Joseph, Mary and baby Jesus in the inn.

8There were shepherds who lived in the fields near Bethlehem. They were watching their sheep at night. 9An angel from God came to the shepherds, and God's glory was very bright. The shepherds were very afraid.

10But the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I tell you good news. It is very happy news. It is for all the people. 11Today in Bethlehem a Savior has been born for you. He is Christ the Lord. 12The baby is lying in a manger – so look for the baby in a manger."

15The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see what God has told us about." 16So they went quickly and found Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus – and Jesus was lying in a manger.

17After the shepherds saw the baby, the shepherds told everyone. The shepherds told everyone what the angel said about baby Jesus. 18And all the people were amazed when they heard about the baby. 19But Mary kept everything in her heart – and Mary thought deeply about everything.

20The shepherds went back home. They thanked and praised God for everything they had heard and seen. It was just like the angel said!

**CONTENT QUESTIONS:****DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- When was Micah 5:2 written?
  - Where will Jesus Christ be born? (Micah 5:2)
- When was Jesus born?

Do you know what will happen next month? Or next year?

Who knows what will happen next month? Or next year?

- Where did Joseph & Mary go? (verse 4)
- What was Joseph & Mary's relationship? (verse 5)
- What was Mary's situation? (verse 5)
  - Why was Mary pregnant? (verse 5)
- What happened in Bethlehem? (verse 7)
- Where did Mary put baby Jesus? (verse 7)
  - Why did she put Jesus in a manger? (verse 7)

Are you surprised that God's Son was put in a manger?

Are you surprised that God's Son was not born in a palace?

Why was Jesus put in a manger?

**6Jesus Christ was [in heaven with God the Father and Jesus was] God. Jesus Christ was equal with God – but Jesus did not hold onto his equality with God. 7But Jesus made himself nothing – he made himself a servant – and he became a man. 8Jesus became a man, so he became very humble – and he obeyed God the Father. Jesus obeyed God the Father and died – Jesus died on a cross!**

Philippians 2:6-8

So what position will God the Father give to Jesus?

**9So [later] God the Father lifted up Jesus to the highest position – and God the Father gave Jesus the highest name. 10So [in the end] every person in heaven and earth and under the earth will bow down to Jesus. 11And everyone will say: Jesus is Lord – so God the Father will get glory.**

Philippians 2:6-11

Why do you think Jesus became humble? (first half of Luke 2:11)  
What will the Savior do for everyone? (Philippians 2:8)

- Who were living near Bethlehem? (verse 8)
- What were they doing? (verse 8)
  - When were they doing it? (verse 8)
- Who came to the shepherds? (verse 9)
- What good news did the angel tell the shepherds? (verse 11)
- Who was the good news for? (verse 10-11) – for shepherds and **all** people

Is it good news for us too?  
Why do you think it is? Or isn't?

- What did the shepherds do next? (verse 15-16)
- Where was baby Jesus? (verse 16)
- What did the shepherds do after they saw the baby? (verse 17)

Why do you think the shepherds told everyone?

- Why were all the people amazed? (verse 17 & verses 11-12)
- But what did Mary do? (verse 19)

Does everyone feel the same when they hear about Jesus?

- How did the shepherds feel? (verse 20)
  - Why did the shepherds thank and praise God? (verse 20)