

A Baby Is Born

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Luke 2:8–14 (ESV) -Picture-

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was 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 those with whom he is pleased!”

A Baby is born in a stable in an insignificant town, Bethlehem, in Israel 5 miles from Jerusalem. Yet approximately 2.2 billion call themselves Christians and celebrate HIS birth. What is the big deal about this baby?

Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph,

of the house of David (who was also born in Bethlehem). The virgin's name was Mary. ³¹ Gabriel said, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to YOUR WORD."

This message about this baby and his mother was prophesied by Isaiah 800 years earlier.

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (meaning God with us). **Jesus born is now God with us.**

Gabriel gives more detail about this miracle conception of this unique baby.

Luke 1:35 (ESV)

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

The power of the Most High will overshadow Mary who will be the avenue from which Jesus will CLOTHE HIMSELF with a human body. Jesus, already eternally existing, will come from heaven and gain his human body through Mary. Luke records an interesting account.

Luke 1:39–44 (ESV)

³⁹ In those days Mary went to see Elizabeth (who is pregnant with John the Baptist).. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the baby in your womb! ... ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Mary is a few weeks pregnant, and Elizabeth is 6 months pregnant. When Mary greeted Elizabeth, the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaped for joy.

Both babies are alive and were aware of each other. Without question, Elizabeth's baby was aware and jumped for joy when he heard Mary's voice. Think of Psalm 139.

Psalm 139:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works.

Not only was the baby's birth foretold, but also his place of birth was revealed. Micah prophesied 800 years earlier that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2 (ESV)

You, O Bethlehem, who are too little, but
from you shall come forth for ME ONE (the
Messiah, Jesus) who is to be ruler in Israel.

All the Jewish religious leaders knew this.

Matthew 2:3–5 (ESV)

Herod the king assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, so it is written in Micah 5:2."

The baby continues to have special attention. To Joseph and Mary travel 90 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem, God moves in the heart of the greatest ruler who is over the greatest empire to have the population go to their hometown to be taxed. Therefore, Joseph being from the family of David must return to Bethlehem. Upon arrival, they cannot find any room. So, they are forced to stay in a stable where Jesus is born. The gospel of John reveals the magnitude of this event. God is born clothed with flesh!

John 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word (Jesus) was with God, and the Word (Jesus) was God.

John 1:14 (ESV)

And the Word (Jesus) became flesh (a baby) and dwelt among us.

The most magnificent event in all time, in all eternity, takes place in a stable where Jesus the king of the universe, the eternal God is born with a manger as his crib. Ponder the heart of God, the humility of God. Through this baby we the understanding of God.

Philippians 2:6–8 (ESV)

⁶ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but EMPTIED HIMSELF, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

With all the angels of heaven we proclaim praise to God in the name of Jesus!

Luke 2:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.