

# THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS ON THIS WISE!

(What the word of God teaches concerning the birth of Jesus Christ!)

**TEXT: Matthew 1:18-25**

## **INTRO:**

### **A. There is much TAUGHT and BELIEVED about the birth of Jesus Christ that is NOT in the word of God.**

1. Men are taught that Jesus was born on December the 25<sup>th</sup> - but he was not!
2. Jesus was not born in the winter because the sheep were in the FIELDS when he was born (Lk.2:8).
  - a. They would have been in the coral in the winter!
3. Jesus was born 6 months after the birth of John the Baptist who was born around March.
  - a. Jesus was born around September maybe the time of the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:34-36; with Jn. 1:14).
  - b. The exact time is known only to God and those who were there at his birth - there is no record!

### **B. There is much done in the name of the birth of Jesus Christ that is AGAINST THE Word of God.**

1. The problem with much of what is done in the name of the birth of Jesus is not so much what is NOT in the Word of God but what is AGAINST THE word of God.
2. God forbids us to learn the way of the heathen (Jer. 10:1-8).
  - a. We should not go to the WORLD or Catholicism to LEARN how to honor and worship our blessed saviour - We must go to GOD'S WORD!
3. God forbids us to MIX tradition with biblically mandated worship (Mk. 7:6-9).
  - a. Many REPLACE the word of God with TRADITION!
4. Christ-mass is a Catholic mass - We are not Catholics and we do not offer the mass (Heb 9:28; 10:9-14).
  - a. We as Christian, as Baptist, should have no part in a mass!

### **C. The Bible is our ONLY rule of faith and practice!**

1. Now we come to our glorious text!
2. Oh what beauty! What Glory! What mystery!
3. "The Birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise!" (Matt. 1:18)
  - a. This is the way it was! This was the WAY "SPOKEN of the Lord" (Matt. 1:22).

## **I. THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS A SUPERNATURAL EVENT.**

### **A. There was a natural side to the birth of Jesus Christ - He was man of very man!**

1. He had an earthly mother (Matt. 1:18)!
  - a. He grew in her womb! She felt the birth!
2. There was great earthly emotions surrounding his birth (Lk. 1:18-21).
  - a. The emotions of Joseph and Mary!
  - b. The "mark" of immorality that Mary did not deserve!

### **B. There was a SUPERNATURAL side of the birth of Christ! (Matt. 1:18, 20-23).**

1. Mark well "child of the Holy Ghost", "of the Holy Ghost", and "God with us".
  - a. When Jesus Christ came to earth, GOD became a man (Jn. 1:1-2, 14; I Tim. 3:16).
2. Mark well "virgin"! Jesus Christ was virgin born!
  - a. The VIRGIN birth of Jesus is VITAL to our Salvation (Matt. 1:23; Lk. 1:27, 34).

## **II. THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY (Matt. 1:22).**

### **A. "That it might be FULFILLED which was spoken of the Lord by the prophets"**

1. The Lord had "spoken" about this coming event many times (Gen. 3:14-15; Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-2; Jer. 23:5-6)

**B. Men were longing for and looking for this one that was prophesied about (Luke 2:25-30).**

1. Oh, how men needed redemption!
2. Oh, how men longed for redemption!

**C. Now had come the TIME! The fullness of the time (Gal. 4:4-7).**

1. The predestinated, preordained, foreordained ...Time - God's time!
2. Oh the GIFT! God SENT! God GAVE (Gal. 4:4; Jn. 3:16)!

**III. THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS FOR AN ETERNAL PURPOSE (Matt. 1:21).**

**A. Why was Jesus born?**

1. To be kept in a manger? To be adored in perpetual humility? No (Phil. 2:5-11).
2. He is a NOT a babe in a manger! He is NOT STILL on the cross! He is risen and glorified!

**B. Jesus was born to DIE (Matt. 1:21; John 12:27)!**

1. Jesus came TO (for this purpose) REEDEEM (Gal. 4:4-5)!
  - a. TO redeem Jesus MUST DIE (Gal 3:13-14).
2. The GREAT emphasis is concerning the coming of Christ is his DEATH & RESURRECTION.
  - a. This is the HEART of the gospel (I Cor. 15:1-3).

**CON: Would you honor the BIRTH of Jesus Christ?**

- A. Look to his grand purpose in Coming!
- B. Look to your great NEED of a saviour!
- C. Look to God s `wonderful provision!
- D. Trust in the SAVING work of Jesus!
- E. Repent of your sins!
- F. Follow the Lord Jesus Christ in Baptism!
- G. Be faithful to him IN his house (Matt. 28:19-20).