

DISCIPLE'S QUEST

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



December 17, 2023

The Nativity

Luke 2:1-7

Main Idea:

Jesus, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem.

Outline:

Two things evident in Luke's record that will help us to better know and understand the occasion of the birth of Jesus.

- 1) Because the birth of Jesus was the result of God's plan, the timing and circumstances of the event were always completely within His sovereign control.

Two evidences of God's sovereignty in the circumstances leading up to the Lord's birth:

- A. Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (Micah 5:2), seemingly to satisfy the taxation decree of a pagan king.
 - B. God's choice of Mary and Joseph fulfilled the promise/prophecy of 2 Samuel 7 and 1 Chronicles 17, and gave Jesus the rightful title to David's throne.
- 2) In the circumstances of the lowly birth of Jesus, we glimpse a striking preview of His mission of redemption.
 - The details of the birth of Jesus
 - The glimpse of His mission

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 According to the Bible, why did Jesus, eternal God the Son, take on flesh and enter the world?

What did His mission require?

#2 How will the second coming of Jesus differ from His first coming?

Incorporate Scripture passages in your answers above