

How Satan tried to Sabotage Christ's Birth

Attempt #3 "Destroy Jesus before His Birth"

Luke 2:1-7

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TRUTH: God has a plan for every Christ follower. Satan has a plan to disrupt and destroy that plan so God's people will give up and miss out on God's blessing. Your FAITH is the key to fulfilling God's plan.

How Satan appealed to the human nature of Joseph

- When Joseph heard that Mary was pregnant, he naturally assumed it was another man
- He loved her enough not to humiliate her in public, so he decided to divorce her privately
- An angel appeared to Joseph to tell the truth about the Christ child Mary was carrying

How Satan tried to disrupt God's plan with a census and hard journey

- Mary believed God even though she did not understand God's plan for her to have Jesus (Prophecy of the virgin birth, Isa 7:14)
- Mary and Joseph had to go to the city of David, Bethlehem (Prophecy that Jesus will be born in Bethlehem)
- Mary made the journey with Joseph and gave birth to the Christ child in the worst conditions (Prophecy in Isa 9:6-7)

What we can learn from Christ's birth

- God's plan is tailor-made for your life
- God's plan for your life requires faith in the impossible
- God's plan for your life is bigger than you

Bottom Line

You are part of God's plan, and He wants you to follow that plan by faith knowing that lives will be changed because of your faithful service.