

## **Class 5**

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1. Recognize the highlights of Jesus' life
2. discover the underlining purposes of Jesus

Reduce the number of high points in Jesus' represented by: birth, baptism, temptation, transfiguration, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension

3. see the underlining purposes of Jesus's ministry, involved in such things as cause and effect, and progression to the ultimate goal of the cross
4. learn and apply the spiritual principles that the gospels so strongly and passionately teach

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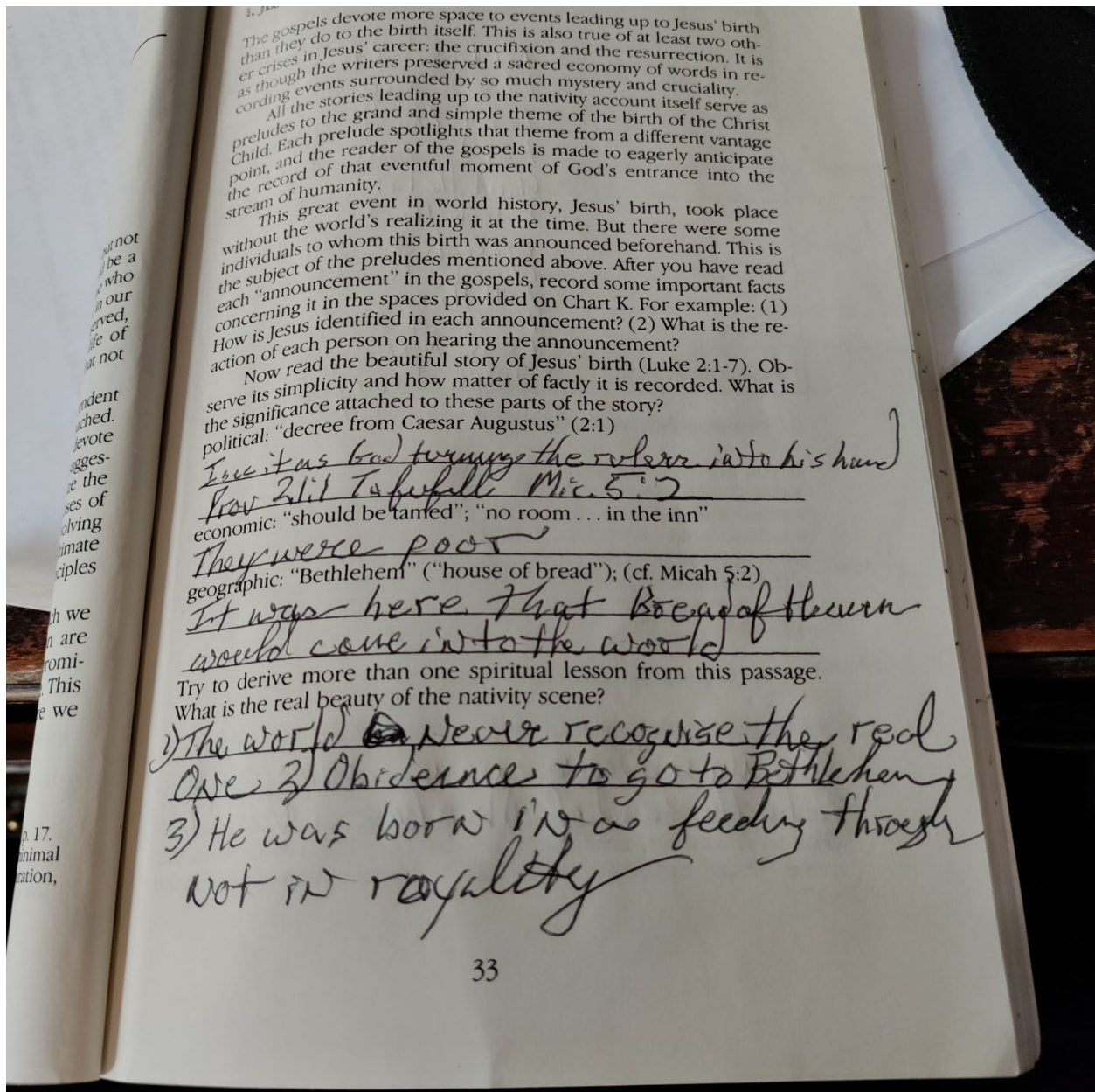
Jesus' Birth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Informed Ones		The Announcements of Jesus' Birth
"Home"	Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45)	My Lord, blessed w/ Holy Spirit
	Zechariah (Luke 1:16-17)	Lord Say
"Clergy" ("new" prophets who lived after Malachi).	Simeon (Luke 2:25-35)	Lord's Christ Blessed
	Anna (Luke 2:36-38)	Lord gave them
"Laity"	Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20)	Christ the Lord glorify God
"Intelligentsia"	Wise men (astrologers) (Gentiles) (Matt. 2:1-12)	Kings of the Jews exclaiming Joy
"Royalty" and "Citizenry"	Herod and people (Matt. 2:1-6)	Christ trouble try to kill Him
"Handmaid of the Lord"	Mary (Luke 1:26-38, 46-56)	The seed of Abraham Jesus
and "Descendant of a king"	Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25)	Fear, Mary by the Lord Jesus Fearful

## II. FROM INFANCY TO MANHOOD

If you are working with a harmony of the gospels, you will observe that Matthew and Luke are the only writers who relate events of Jesus' life between His birth and His baptism.



Luke 2:1-7 And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. <sup>3</sup>So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

<sup>4</sup>Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed] wife, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



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**II. FROM INFANCY TO MANHOOD**

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**A. Circumcision and Naming (Luke 2:21; Matt. 1:25b)**

What was the symbolical intention of the rite of circumcision?

His name Jesus means savior  
To be the seed of Abraham

(For your answer, read Gen. 17:1-14; Lev. 12:3.) What does the name "Jesus" mean? (Cf. Matt. 1:21. Note: As indicated earlier, the

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word Christ, a title of Jesus, from the Greek *chrīō*, "anoint," means "the anointed one," or the Messiah.)

**B. Dedication (Luke 2:22-38)**

When Jesus was forty days old, He was presented to God in a service of dedication. Read Leviticus 12:1-8, which gives the law of purification of the mother, and Exodus 13:2-16, which asserts God's claim to the firstborn son in a Jewish home. How is holiness emphasized in these passages?

*The firstborn are all the Lord's. All firstborns get apart. This reminds us of God's redemption.*

How does this apply to Jesus?

*Jesus is the firstborn so He belongs to God.*

What spiritual lesson may be learned from the reactions of Simeon and Anna when they realized who the Infant Jesus was?

*That when one comes to know Jesus, one is able to bless and give thanks.*

**C. Visit of The Wise Men (Matt. 2:1-12)**

Write down some of your thoughts on the subjects suggested by these phrases:

"Where is he . . . ?" (2:2).  
*They seek for the Messiah.*

"We have seen his star" (2:2).  
*That the Lord God made a star just for Him.*

"We have . . . come to worship him" (2:2).  
*They worship in seeking and giving to Him. Plus a long journey.*

"They presented unto him gifts" (2:11).  
*They came with sacrificial giving.*

