

# BORN: 2016 Christmas Series

Luke 2:11

*Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes*

**NKJV** - "Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. **For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**"

**NVI** - "En esa misma región había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo, turnándose para cuidar sus rebaños. Sucedió que un ángel del Señor se les apareció. La gloria del Señor los envolvió en su luz, y se llenaron de temor. Pero el ángel les dijo: «No tengan miedo. Miren que les traigo buenas noticias que serán motivo de mucha alegría para todo el pueblo. Hoy les ha nacido en la ciudad de David un Salvador, que es Cristo el Señor."

**NLT** - "The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

As we look around, once again Christmas is upon us! Everywhere we look, people are **shopping**, stores are **decorating**, and families are **anticipating** the Christmas celebration!

- **Little Johnnie desperately wanted a bright red wagon for Christmas.** His friends were writing letters to Santa Claus, but Johnnie decided to go one better. "Dear Jesus," he wrote. "If I get a red wagon for Christmas, I won't fight with my brother Hank for a year." Then Johnnie thought, Oh, no, Hank is such a brat, I could never, ever keep that promise. So Johnnie threw away the letter and started again. "Dear Jesus, if I get a red wagon for Christmas, I will eat all my vegetables for a year." Then Johnnie thought, Oh, no, that means spinach, broccoli and asparagus. Yuck! I could never ever keep that promise. **Suddenly Johnnie had a great idea.** He went downstairs to the living room. From the mantel above the fireplace, he grabbed the family's statue of the Virgin Mary. Taking the statue to the kitchen he wrapped it in newspapers and stuffed it into a grocery bag. He took the bag upstairs to his room, opened the closet and placed the package in the farthest, darkest corner. He then closed the closet door, took a new sheet of paper and wrote, "Dear Jesus, if you ever want to see your mother again..."

When you do come together at Christmas, some may ask you: "What's the big deal about Jesus? Why are you so focused on Him, and excited about Him during Christmas?"

## This verse shows us 3 reasons why Jesus was BORN at Christmas time:

I. To Fulfill PROPHECY!

II. To Display DIVINITY!

III. To Save HUMANITY!

I. To Fulfill PROPHECY! - "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

- **Only Book** in the World with 100% accurate Prophecy!! ... 28% ... >1,800 proph.

- Amidst all those prophecies, hundreds of them focus on a special person, a **Divine Hero**, that God promised to send into the world. This "**Heavenly Hero**" is called the "**Messiah**" and the "**Christ**" in the Bible! He is the Anointed One of God, sent to save the world:

Mic 5:2 - Born in Bethlehem!

Isa 35 - Perform many miracles!

Zec 9:9 - Ride into Jerusalem on a donkey!

Ps. 22:6 - Be killed by crucifixion!

*In December 1903, after many attempts, the Wright brothers were finally successful in getting their "flying machine" off the ground. Thrilled, they telegraphed this message to their sister Katherine: "We have actually flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." Katherine hurried to the editor of the local newspaper and showed him the message. He glanced at it and said, "How nice. The boys will be home for Christmas." (He completely missed the big news: mankind had just learned to fly!)*

- How hard would it be for 1 person to fulfill these prophecies by **RANDOM CHANCE??**

**8 Prophecies =  $1 \times 10^{17}$**  (Texas 2ft deep w silver dollars)

**16 Prophecies =  $1 \times 10^{45}$**  (Sphere from Earth to Sun...x60)

II. To Display DIVINITY! - "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

- **Isaiah** in **Isa 7:14; 9:6** - "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel....His name will be called..Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
- **Micah** in **Mic 5:2** - "But you, Bethlehem..out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting."  
*"God Himself became a Man, to give us a concrete and tangible idea of what to think of when we think of God." - H. Halley*
- **Paul** in **Col 1:15-16** - "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him."
- **Peter** in **Mt 16:15-16** - "He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
- **Thomas** in **Jn 20:27-28** - "He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"
- **JESUS** in **John 8:25,58** - "...if you do not believe that **I AM**, you will die in your sins...Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM**."  
*"It is not possible that the man who denies that Jesus Christ is God, can be a Christian. He is deliberately refusing the only way of escape from the wrath to come...Depend on it, my hearer, you never will go to Heaven unless you are prepared to worship Jesus Christ as God." - Charles Spurgeon.*

### III. **To Save HUMANITY!** - "For there is born to you this day in the city of David **a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.**"

- **Rom 3:23** - "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- **Rom 6:23** - "The wages of sin is death."
- **Rom 5:8** - "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- **Jn 15:13** - "...Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."  
*"If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator;*

*If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist; If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; **But our greatest need was FORGIVENESS, so God sent us a SAVIOR.**"*