

The Birth of a King

Malachi and prophecy

- From the tribe of Judah. **Genesis 49:8**
- Born in Bethlehem – Origins of old. **Micah 5:2**
- Born of a virgin. **Isaiah 7:13-14**
- Kings from the east will bring Him gifts. **Psalms 72:10**
- He will be God.
- So many more prophecies about His life and death.
- **Malachi 3:1-4**
- **Isaiah 9:6-7**

The book of John reveals who Jesus is.

- **John 1:1-14**

Jesus came to Reveal....

- A. Reveal God to us in person.
 - B. Die for our sins.
 - C. Show us how to make disciples.
 - D. To show us what maturity is. He came to fulfill the law and requirements for us.
- **Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 8:29**

Spiritual maturity revealed.

- **Luke 2:41-52**

Spiritual maturity is becoming like Jesus.

1. He knew who He was, the Son of God. We are valuable to God.

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV) Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

2. He was about His Father's business.

- Not my will but His be done.

3. He was under submission and was humble of heart. (vs 51)

Philippians 2:5-9 (NIV) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name...

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