

# The Prophet and the Messiah

## “The Birth of Salvation”

### Luke 2:1-20

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#### Introduction:

- **Genesis 1:26**
  - **John 1:1-5**
  - **Luke 2:1-20**
  - *I want to clear up some confusion:*
    - **Isaiah 7:14**
    - **Isiah 9:6**
    - **Luke 1:31**
    - **Matthew 1:21**
  - *Is there a problem with scripture here? NO.*
  - *So, why the difference in names? ... Well ... out of all these, there is only one name – **Jesus**. The rest are Messianic Titles.*
  - *Hebrew – **Yeshua** ... English – **Jesus** ... means ... “The Lord Saves.”*
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#### 1. The Humble Birth:

- a. **Luke 2:4-7**
- b. *Caesar thought he was enacting his will on the Roman world ... Really, what was happening, God was allowing him to play a small role in the Messianic Prophecy.*
- c. *Bethlehem was the town from which Joseph’s family lineage was from.*
- d. *Bethlehem was a small sleep little town: Population:*
  - i. *In 2015 – 26,000*
  - ii. *In 1596 AD – Ottoman Empire had it at 1,435*
  - iii. *1<sup>st</sup> Century – Around 300-600 people.*
- e. **Micah 5:2**
- f. *Why did the world of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century refuse to accept Jesus? ... Because He wasn’t one of their own. He didn’t fit what they thought the Messiah should be.*
- g. *Consider the facts of Jesus’s birth:*
  - i. *Not born in comfort at all.*
  - ii. *Stable – A resting place for animals*
  - iii. *Strips of cloth were His first outfit.*
  - iv. *Placed in a feeding trough.*
  - v. *The world neglected Him from the beginning.*
  - vi. *Born in poverty*
  - vii. *Born in loneliness*
  - viii. *Born in a Corrupt world*
- h. *So many people missed His first coming ... How many will miss His Second Coming?*
- i. **Matthew 6:33**
- j. **Matthew 7:7-8**
- k. **James 4:10**

l. **Matthew 11:28-30**

m. *How is your humility today? ... Do you have any room for Jesus?*

2. The Heavenly Announcement:

a. **Luke 2:8-14**

b. *We know several things that society did not accept:*

i. **John 1:43-46**

ii. *Joseph and Mary from Nazareth*

iii. *They are poor – This came with faulty theology.*

iv. *Born in the little town of Bethlehem*

v. *Now – The Birth of the Messiah is announced to shepherds!*

c. *When Samuel was looking for the next king of Israel:*

i. **1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:11**

ii. *Hebrew – **Haqatan** ... English – **Youngest** ... means, “Insignificant, unimportant.”*

d. *Shekinah Glory – Glory of God – Radiance of Brilliant Light.*

e. **Luke 2:10**

f. *Two words of importance – Christ and Lord:*

g. *Greek – **Christos** ... English – **Christ** ... “The Messiah, the Christ.”*

h. *Greek – **Kyrios** ... English – **Lord** ... “The One who exercises supernatural authority over all mankind and creation ... Lord, Ruler – God.”*

i. *As long as you carry your sin, you are at war with God.*

j. **Romans 3:23**

k. *That is why Jesus stepped into our world.*

l. **Romans 6:23**

3. The Small Celebration:

a. **Luke 2:15-20**

b. *After the announcement, the shepherds hurried off to see what they were told about.*

c. *Notice what they did after they saw Jesus ... They told everyone else what happened.*

d. *Greek – **Thaumazo** ... English – **Amazed** ... means ... “To marvel ... to be astonished ... to wonder.”*

e. *Joseph and Mary had only a few visitors that night, the shepherds who came.*

f. *I bet the shepherds were amazed that such an important announcement was given to them, since the world considered them “Haqatans.”*

g. *Maybe you feel like a “Haqatan” from Nowhere, USA at times ... that you don’t really matter.*

h. *God doesn’t see you as a Haqatan ... He never has and He never will ... He loves you more than you know.*

i. *We are the reason He stepped into our world – **John 3:16***

j. *Mary Treasured up all these things in her heart – What does that mean?*

k. *Greek – **Syntereo** (Syn-Tear-O) ... English – **Treasured** ... means, ... “To store in your mind ... to ponder ... to think about.”*

l. *The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem is important for you to know, understand and comprehend.*

m. *BUT ... The Birth of Jesus in your life is the ONLY thing that can change your eternity.*

n. *This is GOOD NEWS for everyone ... BUT ... Is it good news for you?*

