

LESSON 46

1. From what line did Jesus descend?
-From the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
2. From the line of what Jewish king did Jesus also descend?
-From the line of King David.
3. What did Jesus' Name "Christ" mean?
-The name "Christ" means prophet, priest, and king.
4. Because Mary was with child, what did Joseph think?
-Joseph thought that Mary had union with another man.
5. Did Mary have union with a man?
-No.
6. Then how did Mary become with child?
-God the Holy Spirit performed a miracle, and Mary became with child.
7. What did the angel say to Joseph in his dream?
-The angel said that Mary had a baby because God the Holy Spirit had performed a miracle.
8. What does the name "Immanuel" mean?
-The name Immanuel means "God with us."
9. Why was Jesus to be called Immanuel?

-Because Jesus was God the Savior coming to live with people.

-When the time came for Mary to give birth, she gave birth to a Son.

-Mary gave birth to a Son, wrapped him in cloths, and placed him in a feeding trough for cattle, because there was no other room.

-Mary and Joseph named the baby Jesus.

-Even though Jesus was God the Savior, He was placed in a feeding trough for cattle when He was born.

-In what country was Jesus born?

-In the land of Israel.

-In what town was Jesus born?

-In the town of Bethlehem.

-Jesus was born to save us from the power of sin.

-Jesus was born to save us from the power of death.

-Jesus was born to save us from the power of Satan.

-Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, He sent the Savior to save us.

-Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, Jesus the Savior was born into the world.

-Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem.

-After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, wise men came to the city of Jerusalem.

Let's read Matthew 2:1-2

1-After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem

2-and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

-Who were the wise men looking for?

-They were looking for Jesus, who they called the king of the Jews.

-When King Herod learned that the wise men were looking for a king, he was very troubled.

Let's read Matthew 2:3

3-When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

-Why was King Herod troubled?

-Because King Herod was afraid that this king whom the wise men were looking for would take over his throne.

-Because King Herod was troubled, he called the chief priests and the teachers of the law together.

Let's read Matthew 2:4-6

4-When King Herod had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

5-"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

6-'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"

-What did King Herod ask the chief priests and the teachers of the law?

-He asked where the Christ, the king of the Jews was to be born.

-What did the chief priests and the teachers of the law reply?

-They told him that the Christ was to be born in Bethlehem.

-How did the chief priests and the teachers of the law know this?

-Because they read the Bible, God's Word.

-Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, the Savior who would be king would be born in Bethlehem.

-King Herod then sent the wise men to the town of Bethlehem to look for this king.

Let's read Matthew 2:7-11

7-Then Herod called the wise men secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

8-He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

9-After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

10-When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

11-On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

-What did the wise men do when they found Jesus, who they called the king of the Jews?

-They worshipped him.

-They also gave him gifts.

-Was God angry that the wise men worshipped Jesus?

-No.

-Why was God not angry that the wise men worshipped Jesus?

-Because Jesus is God.

-Jesus is fully God and fully man.

-Afterwards, did the wise men return to Jerusalem to talk with King Herod?

Let's read Matthew 2:12

12-And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, the wise men returned to their country by another route.

-God told the wise men in a dream not to return to Jerusalem and talk with King Herod.

-Therefore, the wise men returned to their country by another path.

-After the wise men had left, God sent an angel to speak to Joseph.

Let's read Matthew 2:13-15

13-When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14-So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

15-where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

-What did the angel say to Joseph in his dream?

-To take Mary and Jesus away.

-To which country did the angel tell Joseph to take Mary and Jesus so that King Herod would not kill him?

-To Egypt.

-When Joseph woke up, he took Mary and Jesus to Egypt.

-Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, Jesus was taken to Egypt.

-Why did Joseph take Jesus to Egypt?

-Because King Herod wanted to kill Jesus.

-Why did King Herod want to kill Jesus?

-Because King Herod did not want another king to take over his throne.

-Who gave King Herod the thought to kill Jesus?

-Satan.

-Why did Satan want to kill Jesus?

-Because Satan did not want Jesus to save people from the power of sin.

-Because Satan did not want Jesus to save people from the power of death.

-Because Satan did not want Jesus to save people from Satan's power.

-Here is an illustration:

-If a slave owner has many slaves, does he want someone to come to take away his slaves?

-No.

-If a witch doctor has many slaves, does he want someone to come to take away his slaves?

-No.

-Just like the slave owner and the witch doctor want to keep their slaves, Satan too wants to keep all people as his slaves.

-This is why Satan wanted to kill Jesus.

-Satan does not want to lose his slaves who are under his power.

-When the wise men did not return to Jerusalem to talk with King Herod, what did King Herod do?

Let's read Matthew 2:16-18

16-When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the wise men, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the wise men.

17-Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18-"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

-King Herod commanded that all of the boys two years and younger living in and near the city of Bethlehem be killed.

-Satan knew that God would send the Savior into the world.

-Satan knew that the Savior would come and defeat him.

-Therefore, Satan tried to kill Jesus.

-Satan told King Herod to kill Jesus.

-Did God the Father protect Jesus?

-Yes.

-Why did God the Father protect Jesus?

-Because God the Father sent Jesus to save us from the power of sin.

-Because God the Father sent Jesus to save us from the power of death.

-Because God the Father sent Jesus to save us from the power of Satan.

-Was God able to protect Jesus?

-Yes.

-Did King Herod kill Jesus?

-No.

-After King Herod died, God sent an angel to talk to Joseph once again.

Let's read Matthew 2:19-20

19-After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

20-and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

-What did the angel tell Joseph?

-The angel told Joseph that King Herod had died.

-The angel also told Joseph that he should take Mary and Jesus back to the land of Israel.

-Joseph obeyed that which the angel said, and took Mary and Jesus back to the land of Israel.

Let's read Matthew 2:21-23

21-So he got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

22-But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,

23-and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

-Joseph, Mary, and Jesus returned to the land of Israel.

-To which town in Israel did Joseph take Mary and Jesus?

-To the town of Nazareth.

-Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, Jesus lived in the town of Nazareth.

-God never breaks His promises.

-God always keeps His promises.