

## LESSON 45

1. Did God keep His promise to give Zechariah and Elizabeth a son?

-Yes.

2. How did Zechariah know that the Savior would come and save the people from the power of sin, death, and Satan?

-Because Zechariah read in God's Book that God promised to send the Savior.

3. What was the work that Zechariah's son John was to do?

-John would go before the Lord, to prepare the way for Him.

4. Who was this Lord, before whom John would go to prepare the way?

-Jesus, God the Savior.

5. How is the coming Savior like the rising sun?

-Just as the morning sun gives light after a very dark night, so the Savior would come to give light after the darkness of Satan.

6. How many suns are there in the world?

-Only one.

7. How many saviors did God promise to send?

-Only one.

-Many years ago, God promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that He would send the Savior through their descendants.

-Now, many years later, God kept His promise to send the Savior through the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Let's read Matthew 1:1-2

1-A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2-Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

-From what line did Jesus descend?

-From the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

-Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, Jesus was to be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

-God never breaks His promises.

-God always keeps His promises.

-From the line of what Jewish king did Jesus also descend?

-From the line of King David.

- Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, Jesus was to be a descendant of King David.
- God never breaks His promises.
- God always keeps His promises.
- Another name for Jesus was Christ.
- What does Jesus' name "Christ" mean?
- The name "Christ" means prophet, priest, and king.
- The name "Christ" means prophet.
- Jesus was sent by God to be the greatest prophet.
- Why would Jesus be the greatest prophet?
- Because Jesus would tell the greatest Message, the very words of God Himself.
- Jesus was sent by God to be the greatest prophet who would tell the greatest Message.
- The name "Christ" also means priest.
- Jesus was sent by God to be the greatest priest.

- Why would Jesus be the greatest priest?
- Because Jesus would offer the greatest sacrifice.
- Jesus was sent by God to be the greatest priest who would offer the greatest sacrifice.
- The name "Christ" also means king.
- Jesus was sent by God to reign as king as a descendant of King David.
- Jesus was sent by God to be the greatest king.
- Why would Jesus be the greatest king?
- Because Jesus' reign would be forever.
- Jesus was sent by God to be the greatest king who would reign forever.
- Only Jesus Christ was promised by God to be the Savior.
- Only Jesus Christ was promised by God to save people from the power of sin, death, and Satan.
- God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would give birth to the Savior.

-But Mary was promised to be married to a man named Joseph.

-Here was the problem:

-Mary was a virgin and promised to be married to Joseph, but she was with child.

-Since Joseph was not yet married to Mary, he had not yet had any union with her.

-Because Mary was with child, what did Joseph think?

-Joseph thought that Mary had union with another man.

-Therefore, Joseph thought that he would divorce Mary.

Let's read Matthew 1:18-19

18-This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

19-Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

-Did Mary have union with a man?

-No.

-Then how did Mary become with child?

-God the Holy Spirit performed a miracle, and Mary became with child.

-The child who was in Mary's womb was God the Savior.

-God did not want Joseph to divorce Mary.

-Therefore, God sent an angel to talk with Joseph in a dream.

Let's read Matthew 1:20-21

20-But after Joseph had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21-She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

-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.

-The angel said that Mary's baby was God the Savior.

- The angel said that Joseph was to take Mary as his wife.
- The angel also said that Joseph was to name Mary's baby Jesus.
- Jesus was to be born into this world to save us people.
- Jesus came to save us from the power of sin.
- Jesus came to save us from the power of death.
- Jesus came to save us from the power of Satan.

Let's read Matthew 1:22-23

- 22-All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
- 23-"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."
- The prophets said that the Savior would be born from a virgin.
- Just as God promised through the prophets long ago, Jesus was to be born of a virgin.
- Because Jesus was God, He was to have many names.
- Another name of Jesus' was Immanuel.

- What does the name "Immanuel" mean?
- The name Immanuel means "God with us."
- Why was Jesus to be called Immanuel?
- Because Jesus was God the Savior coming to live with us.
- Mary's baby who was to be born would be Jesus, God the Savior, who had come from heaven to live with us.
- What did Joseph do when he woke up from his dream?

Let's read Matthew 1:24-25

- 24-When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.
- 25-But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.
- Joseph obeyed that which God had told him through the angel.
- Joseph took Mary home as his wife.
- But Joseph had no union with Mary until she gave birth to her son.
- In the next lesson, we will learn of the birth of Jesus.