

THE AMAZING BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST (Luke 2:1-14)

A. The FICTION Surrounding the BIRTH of JESUS CHRIST.

B. The FACTS Surrounding the BIRTH of JESUS CHRIST. (2:1-14)

1. The *timing* of Jesus Christ's birth was that a "_____ went out from _____ that all the world should be _____". This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. (2:1-2) What does this indicate about God's providence and love?
2. The *place* of Jesus Christ's birth involved him leaving his hometown of _____ and traveling to _____. (2:3-4) How long a trip was this and why did they go?
3. The *parents* of Jesus Christ's birth included his legal father _____ and his betrothed wife _____ who was with _____. (2:4-5) Who was the actual father and what was a betrothal?
4. The *reality* of Jesus Christ's birth is that "while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her _____. (2:6-7a) Being 9 months pregnant, why did Mary travel with Joseph to Bethlehem?
 - What was and wasn't supernatural about all this? What does "firstborn" indicate?
5. The *scriptural fulfillments* of Jesus Christ's birth involved:
 - a) Mary _____ a child as a _____ via the _____ as predicted by Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:35.
 - b) Mary gave birth to a _____ as predicted by Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:31.
 - c) Jesus Christ was born in _____ as predicted by Micah 5:2.
 - d) Jesus Christ was born of the seed of the _____, _____, and _____ as predicted by Genesis 3:15, 12:3; 2 Sam.7:12-17; Luke 1:31-33.
 - e) Jesus Christ was born the unique _____ as predicted by Psalm 110:1; Isa.7:14, 9:6-7, 43:10-11, 44:6; Micah 5:2; Luke 1:32, 35, 43. What does this teach you about your Bible?

6. The *humility* of Jesus Christ's birth is demonstrated by Him being "laid in a _____, because there was _____ for them in the _____." (2:7b) What is a manger?

- What was "the inn"? Where was this located? Why is this birth such a contrast to the world's values?
- What must you remember about humility and pride?

7. The *angelic announcement* at Jesus Christ's birth was made to _____, and proclaimed, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you _____ of _____ which shall be to _____. For there is _____ to you _____ in the city of _____ a _____, who is _____ the _____. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." (2:8-12)

- What did (and still does) the world need more than anything else from God's perspective?
- What does a Savior do & what does this imply and indicate about our personal need?
- Who is this Savior? What does His name communicate about Him?
 - "Jesus"-
 - "Christ"-
 - "the Lord"-
- How does this proclamation of "a Savior who is Christ the Lord" intersect with the OT?
- Why is this considered by God to be "good tidings of great joy"?
- Do you consider this "good news from God"?
- Are you announcing to others this good news?

8. The *angelic praise* at Jesus Christ's birth involved them "_____ and saying: "_____ to God in the _____, And on _____, _____ toward men." (2:13-14)

- What does this actually mean? What does all this mean to you?
- Are you praising God for His grace and proclaiming it to others?