

Life of Christ Series – Week 2

To study the life of Christ, we cannot simply begin with His birth as we would in the biography of an ordinary man because history reveals that Jesus existed before He was born. His birth as a human being was simply an event in time. Today we will go back into eternity past to discover some facts about Jesus before His birth as a human. The truth you will learn today is foundational for the Christ-follower to understand and believe.

1. Jesus' pre-existence - John 1:1-18

- *In relationship to His Father - verses 1-2
- *In relationship to the world - verse 3
- *In relationship to humanity - verses 10-14

Small Group Questions:

1. What is your understanding of the pre-existence of Jesus?
2. What truths indicate that Jesus' birth was the long-range plan of God for redemption. (See Genesis 3:15)
3. Read John 1:1-18 and discuss the pre-existence of Jesus.

2. Jesus' Heritage - Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38

- *Tamar – Genesis 38:13-30
- *Rahab – Joshua 2:1
- *Ruth – Ruth 1:4
- *Bathsheba – II Samuel 11:1-5

Small Group Question:

1. Why are the genealogies different in Matthew 1 and Luke 3?

3. Jesus' Divinity - Matthew 1:20-25, Luke 1:26-38, John 1:14

Small Group Questions:

1. Is the virgin birth necessary to believe? Why?
2. Discuss proofs according to the Bible that Jesus is God.
3. Read Luke 2:52, 19:41, Mark 6:6, 13:32, John 4:6, Hebrews 4:15 and 5:8 and discuss the humanity of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to become a man according to these scriptures?