

Life of Christ Series – Week 4

We continue this week with understanding the events that surrounded Jesus' birth. There are many Old Testament scriptures that foretold the coming of Jesus, which are listed on the back of this page. Today we will look at the specific announcements given to prepare the way for Jesus.

1. The Announcement of Jesus' birth

*To Zacharias – Luke 1:2-25

*To Mary - Luke 1:26-56

Small Group Questions:

1. What happened to Zacharias and why was it so extraordinary?
2. Discuss why an Angel from God came to tell Mary what was going to happen to her.
3. Why were these 2 announcements necessary to prepare for Jesus' birth?

2. John the Baptist, the Forerunner of Christ - Luke 1:57-80

Small Group Questions:

1. Why was John the Baptist' birth a miracle? How is this significant?
2. According to verses 76-79, what was to be John's mission in life?
3. Discuss the purposes of God in sending John as the forerunner of Christ.

3. Jesus' Birth - Matthew 1:18-2:23, Luke 2:1-38

Discuss the miracles of Jesus' Birth

4. Jesus' visit to Jerusalem - Luke 2:41-50

Small Group Questions:

1. What was the reaction of the scribes to the knowledge of Jesus?
2. Discuss Jesus reply to his mother when she found him in the temple.
What did this reply reveal about Jesus' life mission?

Old Testament prophecies fulfilled at the Birth of Jesus Christ

Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Reference
Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
Genesis 12:3	Matthew 1:1
Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33
Numbers 24:8	Matthew 2:14-15
Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
	Luke 1:26-31
Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 2:23
Isaiah 40:3-5	Luke 1:76-78
Isaiah 60:3,6,9	Matthew 2:11
Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
Micah 4:7	Luke 1:33
Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-6
Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
Malachi 3:1	Matthew 3:1-3