

## #308 The Myth of the Magi going to Bethlehem

### Birth of Christ as recorded in Luke 2:1-32 & Matthew 2:1-18

It was written primarily for the Gentile Christians to portray Jesus as the Son of Man. In **Lu 3:23-38**, Jesus' genealogy is traced all the way back to Adam.

Luke chapter 2 - **Verse - 1** Another example of God using an ungodly ruler without the ruler's knowledge is **Joh 11:49-52**.

**Verse - 11** The Scriptures make it clear that Jesus is our Savior and is another testimony to the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Verse - 12** Signs were used throughout the Word of God to convince unbelievers of God's power (**Ex 4:8-9; Joh 4:48, and 20:30-31**). **True believers in Jesus will have signs follow them (Mr 16:17-18)**

**Verse 21-22** Jesus in the temple was thirty-two days after Jesus was circumcised, thus making Him forty days old.

Sacrifice of purification after 40 days from giving birth.

**Verse - 24** this offering of purification was a lamb and a young pigeon or turtledove (Le 12:6). However, **if a woman was unable to provide a lamb for a burnt offering, she could offer a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons** (Le 12:8). This indicates Joseph and Mary's financial condition. They would never have offered the humbler sacrifice if the lamb had been within their means. (after the wise mens gift, they could have offered better)

**Verse - 32** It was a well-established fact in the Scriptures that the Christ was to bring salvation to the Gentiles (**Isa 9:2, 42:6, 49:6, 60:1-3; and Ac 13:47**), yet the Jewish New Testament church had much trouble receiving the Gentiles (**Ac 10:28, 11:2-3, 15:1-31; and Ga 2**).

**Verse - 34** It is interesting to note that Simeon directed this prophecy to Mary and not to Joseph. This was a departure from the strong preeminence that the father enjoyed in the Jewish family. Simeon knew nothing about Joseph and Mary. The Holy Ghost, in prophecy, was subtly mentioning the virgin birth.

**Verse - 39** **And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. (Jesus was 40 days old.**

### 3 Wise men

#### As of Matthew 2:9-18

**Matthew 2:9** **When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.** (Nazareth) Luke 3:39

**Verse - 11** **And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.**

**Verse 12:** God warned the wise men to go back another way.

**Verse 13:** God told Joseph to flee to Egypt, he had the finances now to live their without worry. This is from Nazareth and not Bethlehem like the religious leaders teach. If he would of fled to Egypt from Bethlehem, **Luke 2:22-24** would never have occurred.

**Verse 2:16** Herod's order to murder the children two years of age and younger was a direct result of his inquiry of the wise men as to when the star appeared. This would imply that the wise men had seen the star sometime **between one and two years before they came to Herod**. Tradition has taught us that the wise men visited Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem, (NOT TRUE,) (**they visited him in Nazareth**) examination of the Scriptures reveals that it was some time later and not Bethlehem.

Spiritual Dyslexics

See what happens if you believe the religious order, and not the word of God; You get led down the garden path - or better yet — led astray.

We are so en-throned in your traditional upbringing, that you don't read the actual words in the bible.

**BUT WOE** unto you, if you try to share the truth of the word of God with professing christians, for they will crucify you, not hang you on a literal cross like Jesus. Rather with words and their unbelief, if crucifixion was allowed and practiced today, they probably would.

They will not listen to truth.

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