

# God & Man Lesson 11 – The Birth of Jesus



## **INTRODUCTION:**

Christmas is a special time of year for Christians. The Birth of Jesus is celebrated; people remember the Christmas story, have meals, and exchange gifts. Although we don't know the exact date of Jesus' birth, December 25<sup>th</sup> has traditionally been the date celebrated since the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Christians exchange gifts to symbolize the gift that God the Father gave us through Jesus.

### **Luke 1:26-38**

What word do you think was most important in describing Mary and why? (verses 26-29)

List some of the significant things said about the child Mary was going to have (31-33)

What was Mary's reaction? (verse 34) What is the angel's answer (verse 37)

### **Matthew 1:18-23**

What did Joseph decide to do when he found out Mary was pregnant? (verses 18-19) How do you think most men would have responded?

Who appeared to Joseph in a dream? What details does the angel give about the child? (verses 20,21)

What details does the prophecy from the Old Testament give? (verse 23)

### **Luke 2:1-7**

Who ordered a census? Why do you think Luke believes it is important to include this? (verses 1-3)

Where did Joseph and Mary travel from? Where did they travel to? (verses 4,5)

Where did Mary put the baby when he was born? Why? (verses 6,7)

### **Luke 2:8-20**

What were the shepherds doing? (verse 8)

Who appeared to them and what did he say? What would you do if you saw an angel? (verses 11-12)

What happened next and what did the shepherds do? (13-16)

How did Mary react? How did the shepherds react? (verses 19-20) How do you think you should respond now that you have heard this story?

### **John 1:1; 14**

The gospel of John does not tell the Christmas story but it does give us some important clues about Jesus who he calls "the Word."

Using verse 1, describe "the Word." What happened to "the Word?"

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## Luke 2:25-32

What did the man called Simeon think when he saw Jesus? Is Jesus just for Israel? Is Jesus for you?

### Discuss:

Do you believe in the Christmas story? Why or why not?

Why do you think Jesus was born? Do you celebrate Christmas? How?

### TRUE OR FALSE

1. Jesus was born on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. The Christmas story is mostly recorded in Matthew & Luke.
3. Joseph decided to divorce Mary when he found out she was pregnant.
4. Jesus was born in Jerusalem.
5. An angel visited shepherds who were guarding their flocks of sheep.
6. Jesus was a Jewish baby.