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Christmas Bible Study



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Christmas Bible Study 2025 - week 1

Day 1: The narrative of Jesus' birth is accounted for us in 2 of the 4 gospels. The book of Mark does not include information about Jesus' birth. The book of John refers to it, but it is not in a narrative style that recounts what happened in the lives of those who were there and involved. Instead it matter-of-factly declares that Jesus, the Word, was in the beginning with God (John 1:1-2) and that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). When John's message is connected with the other two gospel accounts we get a full and beautiful picture of God connecting with His creation to bring about the most wonderful plan ever executed to give us the most wonderful gift ever given.

Here is a brief overview of where we find the different pieces of the "Christmas Story" in the gospels.

Matthew 1:18-25 – A focus on Joseph's wrestling and role in the birth of the Savior.

Matthew 2:1-18 – The story of the Wise Men

Luke 1:5-25 – The story of Zacharias and Elizabeth

Luke 1:26-56 – Mary's story

Luke 1:57-80 – John the Baptist is Born

Luke 2:1-20 – Jesus is born in Bethlehem

Luke 2:21-38 – Jesus is presented at the temple

1. Read through these passages today and write down anything interesting that stands out to you.
2. Can you think of any aspects of the "Christmas Story" that are often included in tradition but aren't actually in scripture?
3. As we approach this Christmas Season, in what way do you desire the Lord to minister to your heart? Write a prayer list that lays out your spiritual, emotional and physical needs and ask the Lord to minister to you in those areas in the ways that He knows are best as you seek Him through His Word in this study.

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Research the writer of each gospel and who their intended audience was. How does this connect with what each gospel writer included (or didn't include) in relation to the birth of Christ.

Day 2: Read Luke 1:5-25

1. What does verse 6 tell us about Zacharias and Elizabeth? What does verse 7 tell us? Does anything stand out to you about these 2 verses?
2. When an angel appeared to Zacharias, what was his response? Why do you think he responded that way?
3. What did the angel tell Zacharias about his coming son?
4. How did Zacharias respond to the angel? Was this an appropriate response? Have you ever struggled with being skeptical or doubting something the Lord was doing?
5. How did the angel respond to Zacharias' unbelief? What was the consequence?
6. How did the people respond when they saw that Zacharias couldn't speak? This is an example of Romans 8:28 in action. God is using the results of Zacharias' unbelief to help other people see that He is working in the situation. Has God ever corrected you or used the consequences of your actions in a way that pointed the people around you to Him?
7. What does Elizabeth do and say regarding her pregnancy? Why do you think she responds this way?
8. Why are Zacharias and Elizabeth an important part of the Christmas Story narrative?

Day 3: Read Luke 1:26-45

1. When, where and to whom was Gabriel the angel sent? Who sent him? What did Gabriel say?
2. How did Mary respond to this greeting? How does this compare with how Zacharias responded to his angelic visitation?
3. What does the angel tell Mary about her coming son?
4. What is Mary's question to the angel in verse 34 and what is the angel's response? How is this similar or different to Zacharias' interaction with the angel in verses 18-20? Why do you think the angel responds differently to Mary's question?
5. What is Mary's response in verse 38? This is a beautiful response. Is this your response when the Lord reveals something to you in His Word? Why or why not?
6. How do you think visiting Elizabeth was a blessing to Mary during this time?
7. What happened to Elizabeth at Mary's greeting and what did she say?
8. Scripture clearly declares that Mary is a blessed woman. The angel Gabriel and the Holy Spirit declared that Mary was highly favored and blessed. We honor her as the mother of Jesus, but it is not scriptural to worship her and she cannot extend forgiveness to us as many incorrectly believe. Why do you think Mary is worshipped and made equal with Jesus in some variations of Christianity? How does this undermine the gospel?

Day 4: Read Luke 1:46-56 in a few different translations

1. This is one of the most beautiful pictures of worship in all the New Testament. Tradition refers to it as The Magnificat. Before we take a closer look, stop and think about the challenges and uncertainties that Mary faced in the blessed task before her. What are some of the things that she could have been concerned about?
2. Despite the concerns, Mary responds in humble praise to the Lord. She says “My soul magnifies the Lord (vs 46). What does that mean? How can your soul magnify the Lord?
3. Mary refers to herself as the maidservant of the Lord in vs 48. This is the second time she does so (see vs 38). What is a maidservant of the Lord and do you see yourself as one? Why or why not?
4. List the beautiful things she says about the Lord in the next 8 verses. What stands out to you?
5. Are you challenged or confused by anything Mary says in her declaration of praise?
6. Write your own Magnificat. Declare who you are in Him and praise Him for who He is.

Day 5: Reread Luke 1:5-56

Spend some time reflecting on and worshipping the Lord as you meditate on the wonder of all that God was doing to orchestrate the perfect timing for Jesus to come to earth as our Savior. Consider listening to some Christmas worship music or traditional carols that praise the Lord for sending His son to earth as a baby.

Here are some other ways that you might consider worshipping and meditating on the Lord today:

Take some time to journal or pray, thanking God for the gift of His Son

Write a poem that magnifies the Lord or read poetry that someone else wrote about our Lord.

God is the ultimate creator and since we were created in His image, we are creative beings. Use your creativity to express your love and worship to God. Maybe you could do something creative like a special Christmas craft or other form of art.

Worship Him by serving others. Think of ways to be a blessing to others around you today and go out of your way to do it. If you have children at home, include them in this. Servant hearted acts of love to others are a beautiful way for our souls to magnify the Lord.

There are many things that are going on in our lives that cause anxiety, worry, fear, anger, discontentment, or just simple concern. Make a list of things that fall into this category for you and find something to thank the Lord for in each one. Place each fear and concern into His hands today as an act of total trust. When these things creep back into your mind, choose to replace them with praise and thanksgiving (Philippians 4:8).