

Jesus Is The Centerpiece Of All History

Where It All Began...

1. In The GARDEN

<u>Genesis 3:14-15 (ESV)</u> The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

A Unique Characteristic of Jesus' Birth

1. He was born of a VIRGIN

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Luke 1:26-28, 30-31,34-35 (ESV) In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"...³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus...³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy the Son of God.

Who Was Jesus Born to Be?

1. He was born as GOD

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

2. He was born as KING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (ESV) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone...⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore...

3. He was born as HIGH PRIEST

<u>Hebrews 7:21-25 (ESV)</u> but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest

forever.¹¹¹ ²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. ²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

4. He was born as **LAMB**

Isaiah 53:3-5, 7 (ESV) He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed...⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Luke 2:8-9, 10-11, 16(ESV) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them...¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord...¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

John 1:35-36 (ESV) The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

The Gifts Of The Magi Point To Who Jesus Was Born To Be

<u>Matthew 2:10-11 (ESV)</u> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

- 1. GOLD represents his identity as GOD and KING.
- 2. FRANKINCESNE represents his identity as PRIEST.
- 3. MYRRH represents his identity as THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB.

His Unique Place in Scripture

- 1. He is in **EVERY BOOK** in the Bible
 - a. Let's consider The Old Testament...b. Let's consider the New Testament...

Who Is Little Baby Jesus? He's The Alpha And Omega, The Beginning And The End, The First And The Last!!

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