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The Life of Jesus (4)

The Childhood of Jesus

Lk 2:30-32

#1 Shepherds Worshiped Baby Jesus

When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to some shepherds living out in the fields near the manger while they were keeping watch over their flocks.

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (Lk 2:10-12)



Right after the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby in the manger.



Then, the shepherds glorified and praised God for all the things they had heard and seen.

#2 The Purification of Mary

According to the law of Moses, after giving birth, the mother of a newborn baby was regarded ceremonially unclean for 40 days, after which she had to go to the temple to offer a sacrifice for her purification to become ritually clean again.

“When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Lk 2:22)

Joseph and Mary were also required to offer a specified sacrifice for the purification of Mary and their newborn baby. In order to observe these rules, they went to the temple in Jerusalem forty days after Jesus' birth.



#3 Simeon and Anna

While Joseph and Mary were in the temple, they were approached by an old man named “Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.” (Lk 2:25)

When Simeon saw baby Jesus, he immediately recognized that the baby was the promised Messiah. So he took Jesus in his arms and praised God.



“My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” (Lk 2:29-32)

#4 Simeon and Anna

There was also a prophet named Anna in the temple that day. She was a very old widow who always worshiped night and day in the temple while fasting and praying.

Anna also recognized Jesus and went to Him. She gave thanks to God and started to talk about Him to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

What Simeon and Anna had in common was that they sincerely believed in the prophecy of the Messiah and longed for it. Simeon was led to the temple by the Holy Spirit and Anna never left the temple.

Simeon and Anna show us examples of how to wait for Jesus. We should continue to be led by the Holy Spirit who guides us to the truth of Jesus by worshiping God and praying to Him. Then, we can be prepared to gladly welcome Jesus as our King and Lord when He comes back.

#5 Magi Visit the Messiah

Matthew gives us another story related to Jesus' birth.

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, **Magi from the east came to Jerusalem**”
(Mt 2:1)

King Herod heard the news that some wise men had come from the east to worship the king of Jews and was greatly disturbed. So he called the Magi secretly to find out the exact time the star had appeared.



“Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him” (Mt 2:8)

Herod didn't really intend to worship the baby. He wanted to find Him and kill Him.

#6 Magi Visit the Messiah

The wise men headed for Bethlehem, and on their way, the star they had seen in their land went ahead of them. The star eventually stopped over the place where Jesus was.



They entered the house, saw the child with Mary, and bowed down and worshiped Him. Then, they offered Him valuable gifts such as gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

#7 Shepherds and Magi

Luke and Matthew tell us that Jesus was visited by two specific groups—the shepherds, who were Jews, and the wise men, who were gentiles.

Even though Jesus came to the world as the King of kings, He wasn't visited by any prominent people of the time such as kings, priests, or teachers of the law. Rather, God sent angels to tell shepherds about Jesus' birth even though their social status was considered very low at that time.

Even though Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of David, the King of Israel, Jesus' salvation wasn't only for the Jews, but for everyone on earth.

“I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” (Is 49:6)

#8 Jesus Escaped to Egypt

After giving precious gifts to Jesus, the wise men returned to their country by a different route than the way they came because they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod.

After realizing this, Herod became furious and commanded for all the boys in Bethlehem two years old and under to be killed. Many boys were killed, but Jesus was able to avoid the terrible massacre because an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus and escape to Egypt.

Jesus stayed in Egypt for a while. After Herod died, Joseph went back to the land of Israel. And, he lived in a town called Nazareth.

#9 Jesus Escaped to Egypt

This story is only written in Matthew. In it, Matthew reminds the readers of the story of exodus in the Old Testament.

Herod ordered for the young boys to be killed just like how Pharaoh commanded for every Hebrew boy to be thrown into the Nile. And, just as God brought the Israelites out of Egypt and led them to the land of Canaan which became the land of Israel, Jesus also came back to Israel from Egypt.

What Matthew emphasized by including this story is that the entire history of Israel and all the prophecies in the Scriptures were fulfilled in Jesus.

To Matthew, the exodus of Israel served as the model for Jesus' salvation. Matthew emphasized that Jesus brings us the ultimate salvation through which we can be completely saved from sin and death.

Memory Verse

“I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Lk 2:10-11) (2)

“My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” (Lk 2:30-32) (2)