

## THE FIRST COMING OF THE MESSIAH

12/24/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
  - Comment – Last Wednesday, I finished a series – that had 8 parts
  - Comment – Tonight, I am going to begin a series – that has only 2 parts
  - Title – “The First Coming of the Messiah”
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- At what time of the year was Jesus born?
- Some people believe that Jesus was born in the Spring
- Notice an article – (from someone I have never met)

Looking back to March 2021, an article by Hope Bolinger titled “8 Interesting Facts About the Birth of Jesus” was posted at crosswalk.com on March 2, 2021. Following are excerpts of the article.

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1. Jesus was born in the same village as King David
  2. The birth of Jesus ruined Joseph’s reputation
  3. Jesus’ birth came after 400 years of silence from God
  4. Joseph could have had Mary killed for adultery
  5. Jesus was probably not born in December  
(The author said: “Jesus was most likely had a spring birth.”)  
[Personally, I believe that Jesus was born in the Fall]
  6. The narrative intentionally draws a contrast between Jesus & John the Baptist
  7. The wise men were not there
  8. A manger is a feeding trough

- Most people in this congregation believe that Jesus Christ was born in the fall of the year – (some believe that He was born on the Feast of Trumpets – more of my friends believe that He was born at the opening of the Feast of Tabernacles)
- Therefore – some people who love Jesus Christ are not actively celebrating Christmas
  - But they love their Heavenly Father
  - They love their older brother – Jesus Christ
  - They love the Biblical details of the birth of Jesus Christ
  - And they love you
  - They appreciate people – who politely exhibit a different perspective

Mark 12:28            “what is the first commandment of all?”  
29-30                “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
                              with all your mind, and with all your strength”  
31                      “you shall love your neighbor as yourself”  
32-33                the scribe – recognized the truth about what the Son of God said

Looking back to December 2022, an article by Susan Aken titled “7 Prophecies That Foretold Jesus’ Birth” was posted at iBelieve.com on Dec. 23, 2022. Following are excerpts of the article.

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Here are 7 biblical prophecies fulfilled by the birth of Jesus Christ.

1. A descendent of Abraham would bless all people  
Genesis 12:3 – (18 centuries before Christ’s birth) – Matthew 1:1
  2. The Messiah would come from the house of David and take his throne  
Jeremiah 23:5-6 – (over 600 years later) – Luke 1:31-33
  3. The Messiah would be born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14 – Matthew 1:20-23
  4. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem – Micah 5:2 – Luke 2:15
  5. The Messiah would be called out of Egypt – Hosea 11:1 – Matthew 2:1-15
  6. The Messiah would be called a Nazarene – Matthew 2:23
  7. There would be a loss of children’s lives – Jeremiah 31:15 – Matthew 2:16-18
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An article titled “Is Jesus for Real? Can There Actually be Mathematical Proof?” was posted at bibletimelines.net. Following are excerpts of the article.

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There are over 300 prophecies that point directly to the Messiah. Here is an example of just 8.

1. The time of His birth – (see Daniel 8 & 9 time-line)
  2. He would be born in Bethlehem – (Micah 5:2)
  3. He would be born of a virgin – (Isaiah 7:14)
  4. He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver – (Zechariah 11:12)
  5. He would be mocked – (Psalm 22:7-8)
  6. He would be crucified – (John 3:14 referred to Numbers 21:4-9)
  7. He would be pierced – (Psalm 22:16)
  8. He would die with the wicked & be buried with the rich – (Isaiah 53:9)
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John 3:16	God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son – that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life
John 10:7	“I am the door of the sheep”
9	“I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved”
11	“I am the good shepherd. the good shepherd gives His life for the sheep”
14	“I am the good shepherd. . . I know My sheep, and am known by My own”
15	“I lay down My life for the sheep”
16	“other sheep” – “they will hear My voice”
John 11:25-26	“I am the resurrection and the life”
John 12:44-45	“He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me, sees Him who sent Me”