

SERMON NOTES

Title: Lesson Learned from the Birth of Christ

Text: Galatians 4:4&5

Topic: The Gift of Salvation

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Christmas is about God's desire to **bleed & reconcile** all people.

Though prophesied, the Jews **miss** the coming of the Messiah.

Matthew writes to a **Jewish** audience, so he starts with Jesus' genealogy.

Mark writes to **Gentiles** picking up the story at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Luke writes to the **Greeks**, they wanted facts & details. John writes to **deep thinkers**. He looks at big picture in a **poetic** fashion. He is telling us that Jesus is eternal.

The Bible in three phrases...The Old Testament: "**Jesus is coming**" the Gospels: "**Jesus is here**" Acts to Revelation: "**Jesus is coming again, get ready**"

Key truths: **GOD USES PEOPLE...** "**ordinary** people".

GOD HAS A PLAN: The gift of salvation. (2 Corinthians 9:15)

The price of this gift? The perfect **Lamb of God**.

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

There are over **three hundred** Messianic prophecies.

Prophecies foretold:

- Bethlehem His birth place. Micah 5:2
- Born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14
- Details of His death. Isaiah 53:
- The betrayal foretold. Zachariah 11:12-13,
- Christ's death on the cross. Psalm 22

The odds that Jesus could fulfill even **eight** of these promises: one in **ten to the seventeenth power**.

People didn't recognize God's plan then and they're **still missing** it today.

*"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior.
He is Christ the Lord."*

"There is one thing better than man walking on the moon, and that is God walking on the earth." James Irwin

Jesus is **coming again**. Are you **ready**?

"Behold now is the accepted time behold now is the day of salvation.
II Cor. 6:2b