

The greatest event in human history

When the fullness of time had come God sent His son born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons (Gal. 4:4)

Announcement by an angel

God sent the angel Gabriel to announce both to the priest Zechariah and to Mary about the birth of the Redeemer and Savior of the world.

Read Luke 1:26-38.

The angel also appeared to Joseph to make a similar announcement because you can imagine what was going on in the mind of Joseph when he discovered his fiancé was pregnant.

Read Matthew 1:18-24

In these announcements the angel explained that this baby to be born would

Be called Jesus
be great and be called the Son of the most high
He will reign and His kingdom will never end
He will save His people from their sins
He will be called Immanuel, which means God with us.

Mary did not understand and asked how is this possible?

The angel explained in detail: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
And the power of the most high will overshadow you”

To Joseph the angel explained, “What is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit”.

This is the greatest of all miracles!

Jesus' birth prophesied.

The prophet Isaiah prophesied about this event in Isaiah 7 that a virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son. He shall be called Immanuel. In Isaiah 9 He says a child is born, a son is given. “The government shall be upon his shoulder and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”

Those who welcomed Jesus.

There was no great welcoming party for the birth of Jesus Christ. He was not born in a palace but was born in a humble stable with the animals. Some shepherds came to see him. They were chosen by God to hear the announcement by the angels as they were watching their sheep.

Then some Astronomers called magi or wisemen came from the East as they had discovered a new star, a sign that a king was born. All miraculous announcements.

Many baby boys killed in Bethlehem

The news about the birth of Jesus greatly worried King Herod, who was the king of the Jews at that time. He asked that the wiremen come back to him and report on their findings but they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. So Herod sent his soldiers and all baby boys 2 and under were murdered. The Lord Jesus once explained to His disciples that He came to bring the sword. Even today the enemies of Jesus Christ are going around tracking down the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. They are being killed by the sword. In Poso areas over 2000 have been killed and in Ambon over 8000 have died at the sword. It doesn't make sense.

The purpose of the birth of Jesus

He came to redeem us from the curse of sin.

He came to save us from the punishment for our sin.

He came so that we may become the sons and daughters of God.

“All who receive Him have the right to be called the children of God.”

He came to reign in our lives as the King of kings.

He came to bring peace on earth and goodwill to all men.

Salvation is provided to all men women boys and girls.

He did not come to bring absence of conflict. In fact His birth brought about conflict. Peace is not the absence of conflict. Peace means reconciliation with God. Syalom means all is well.

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Christmas time is a time for evangelism in Indonesia. A time to share the Gospel. A time to introduce people to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible says that the Shepherds came to see the Lord Jesus and when they had seen Him they spread the word concerning what had been told them

about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. Let's spread the word.