

Miracles of Christmas

This is the Christmas season and millions of people here in Indonesia and in 190 other nations remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We want to study about the miracles of Christmas.

The Birth of Jesus is a miracle

Mathew 1:18 says:

“Mary was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit”.

Mary was the mother of Jesus and she was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Suddenly Joseph discovered that his fiancé was pregnant and it was not by him! We can imagine His surprise. God sent an angel to Joseph, as explained in Matthew 1:20.

“An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said: ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is in her is from the Holy Spirit’.”
Matthew 1:20

The same angel also appeared to Mary and told her “Mary, you have found favor with God and you will be with child and give birth to a son and you give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High”. Luke 1:30-32

“How will this be?”, Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most high will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God”. Luke 1:34-35

The birth of Jesus was a miracle. This miracle never happened before and has never happened since.

The Life of Jesus is also a miracle

The angel told Joseph, “She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21.

Jesus has the Power to forgive us of our sins, so that we may enter heaven when we die. Heaven is a holy place and no sin can ever heaven. God’s Word says that Jesus came to forgive people of their sins.

The angel continued to explain in Luke 1:32,

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the most high, He will reign and His kingdom will never end”.

Jesus is called the King of kings because His kingdom will never ever end.

His entire life was full of miracles. He healed the sick and even raised the dead back to life. He healed the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. All the sick who came to Him or who were brought to Him, were healed. No problem was too big for Jesus Christ.

Once a man named Lazarus, who had been dead for 4 days was brought back to Life. Thousands of people followed Him. This caused the Jewish religious leader great stress and jealousy. They planned to kill Him. They falsely accused him before a Roman Judge named Pilate. Pilate examined Him and came to the conclusion that Jesus was sinless. The King of the Jews, King Herod also examined Him and found Him without fault. Indeed Jesus is called the sinless prophet.

But Pilate was afraid of the masses of people, stirred up by the religious leaders, demanding that Jesus be crucified. At the end of His miraculous life Jesus died on the cross.

Before He died He still prayed for those who executed Him and prayed to God in heaven, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". According to the Word of God, the perfect life of Jesus Christ became a sacrifice for sin. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of all men everywhere. He is truly the Savior of all men and women, boys and girls.

Three days later another miracle occurred as Jesus rose from the dead. For another 40 days he taught His followers and then He returned to heaven where He had come from. Before He went back to heaven He gave his followers a command to go into the entire world and preach the Gospel of forgiveness to all people from every race and nation.

Jesus preached a message of Miracles.

One time a religious leader came to Jesus at midnight. His name was Nicodemus. The Lord Jesus explained to Him the center of His message. "You must be born again!" How can this be? Asked Nicodemus, I am an old man and how can I enter back into my mother's womb? Jesus explained what it means to be born again. It means to be born of the Spirit of God.

Jesus explained how we can be born again in John 3:16-18, "For God so loved the World that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son".

The Message of Christmas is a message of Light in the darkness.
 A Message of Salvation to the lost.
 A Message of forgiveness to the condemned.
 A message of miracles. But the miracles are not over.

We can see the lights burning, flickering and flashing all around us. This is a reminder of the message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

By believing on the Lord Jesus Christ your life and my life can become a daily miracle. Jesus is born into our life by faith. As we are born again by the Holy Spirit, then He begins to live His miraculous life through you and I.

It is interesting to know about the birth of Jesus 2002 years ago but it is far more relevant for you and to experience His birth into our hearts and lives today. In John 1:12 the Word of God says that "All who received Him, to those He gave the right to become the children of God". When we receive by faith Jesus Christ into our heart and life then we are born again.

His life is a dynamic power making our lives daily miracles.
 What miracles may we experience?
 Victory over our sins.
 Healing us from sickness and providing our daily needs.
 Protecting us from accidents.
 Giving us peace, joy and satisfaction.

The true meaning of Christmas is for Jesus Christ to be born into your life and my life. When Jesus is living His life in and through us all is changed. He who sins will repent from his sin.
 He who hates will now love.
 He who steals will now give.
 He who rebels will now obey.
 He who cheats and is corrupt will now be faithful and honest.
 He who is afraid will now have peace.
 He who is lost will now be saved.
 He whose life is full of stress and frustration will find joy and satisfaction.

Mary and Joseph believed the message from God and the miracles started. People believed on the Lord Jesus and were healed and forgiven of their sins. The miracles continue today as you and I believe and accept Jesus Christ into our lives as Lord and Savior.

God's Word says in Hebrew 11:6,
 "Without faith it is impossible to please God".
 To please God is to obey Him.
 To obey God is receive His one and only Son as our Savior and Lord.

This is the true meaning of Christmas. The story of miracles.
 May this miracle take place in our even lives today.