

Birth of Jesus

Matt 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-39

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- Micah 5:2 predicts Bethlehem as Christ's birthplace.
- Bethlehem is 5 miles south of Jerusalem. In Hebrew it means, "house of bread." Jesus is the "bread of life."
- King David was also born in Bethlehem.
- When the wise men arrived they found a child not a baby. Jesus could have been 2 years old.
- There probably were more than four wise men.
- Did you know? The bible says the wise men saw the star in the east. They really saw it in their west and followed it west. The bible says in Ezekial 5:5 that Jerusalem is the center of all direction. Any time in the bible that direction is stated it is with consideration that Jerusalem is the center. Therefore since the wise men came from Turkey, Iraq, etc. they followed the star west even though the star is east of Jerusalem.
- Christ avoided receiving a sinful nature, because he did not have an earthly father. The bible states that the sins of the father are inherited up to four generations. Since the Holy Spirit was the father there was no sin to inherit.
- Anna a prophetess was most likely 100 years old.
- Baby Jesus was wrapped in strips of cloth, probably signifying his being wrapped in cloth in the tomb 33 years later.
- Caesar Augustus ruled from 27 B.C. to A.D. 14. He was the first emperor of the Roman Empire.
- Roman censuses took place every 14 years. It would take several years to take.
- King Herod was an Edomite, descendants from Esau.