

THE CHRISTMAS SERIES **Of** 2022

THE WONDER, CELEBRATION, ADORATION AND GLORY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, THE CHRISTMAS MESSIAH.

Christmas According to Matthew 2:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

It Is Jesus !

The Celebration, Adoration and Wonder of The Advent of The Coming
of The Son of God - Jesus Christ God's Literal Gift To Man.

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Matthew 2:1-2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Just as an earthquake that is felt over many hundreds
of miles, so the source of that earthquake movement can be followed all
the way back to the epicenter, the pinpoint.

Likewise, the influence in the message of the Bible and the
Gospel of Jesus Christ is unparalleled throughout all of human history
and there is nothing that compares to it. But the fact of the
matter lies at the epicenter.

The Recorded {Christmas Event} in the Bible IS the
Epicenter – The Epicenter is the Entire Word of God.

The {Christmas Message} is Anything but a Story.
It is in Fact another shockwave of God's Truth being
Made Known to us.

{Christmas} is No Less than the Biblical, Secular, and
Eyewitness Account of God's Holy Invasion.

It is the Promised fulfillment of God's ancient Hebrew Prophets that
ushers us into the realm of what we call "Supernatural" that is - the

Physical, Tangible and Observable Word of God Made Personal - Coming to walk among a weary world, a sin-torn world.

The {Christmas Message} is of a supernatural event from many facets. One of which is the **astronomical manifestation** of a supernatural **“star”**

The English Standard Version Renders It;

Matthew 2:2

(the Maji are asking) saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

**Wait a Minute Here;
How did these Maji know what questions to be asking?**

It Is Jesus

1.) It's Jesus Christ Who Stands Alone

I want to Fill You in a Bit on what's going on in the land of Israel some 2000 years ago, under the heel of Roman occupation.

Throughout the history of Israel's captivity and Israel's existence, they have always maintained their study of the word of God in gatherings called synagogue.

And in those synagogues (that was made up of at least 10 people) the word of God was studied and in the word of God was found the hundreds of prophecies that a promised Messiah would come into the world...

In the very land of Israel, but coming as a human baby boy – with everything about His coming, His birth, Him growing up, His ministry, His suffering, crucifixion, death and resurrection from the dead & it was, all in the Bible for them, for us to know!

That He who would one day deliver Israel and the Jewish people from sin and would ultimately usher in the Kingdom of God on earth.

Regarding Israel as His mouthpiece...

Isaiah 43:10,12

“You are My witnesses,” says the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me, 12 I have declared, I have saved, I have proclaimed... Therefore you are My witnesses,” Says the LORD, “that I am God.

So listen to the Dialogue Before Us

Matthew 2:3-4

So when Herod the king heard this, (The Maji's Question & Belief) he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:5-6

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

It's Jesus Christ Who Stands Alone

1a.) In the eons of eternity (before time ever was)

The Bible Says That – Jesus Christ has always existed.

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Ephesians 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

God is Expecting Us to do The Math - but He's already given us the answer;

"before time ever began - I knew what ya'll were going to do with My gift of life that I've given you - so before it all began - I had a plan to rescue you from yourself."

It's Jesus Christ Who Stands Alone

1b.) In the pages of history (unrivaled and always present)

The Bible Says That –

Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke 1:31-33

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

I ask you friends – “When was this prophecy of God fulfilled?”

Genesis 22:14

And Abraham called the name of the place, {Yahweh-Yireh}, LORD WILL PROVIDE; as it is said {said, read, studied, known} to this day, “In the Mount of the LORD {Moriah} it shall be provided.”

Again, I ask – when was this prophecy of God fulfilled?

I ask you – when did anything take place “**In The Mount of The LORD**” (on Mount **Moriah**, **Calvary**, **Golgotha**) – when?

And what does swaddling clothes have to do with anything?

Newborn lambs were immediately wrapped in clean swaddling cloths to protect them and keep them from blemish and danger. Swaddling clothes described in the Bible consisted of a cloth tied together by bandage-like strips. What is the importance of Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger? Jesus was wrapped in clean, linen swaddling cloths in the same way newborn lambs destined for sacrifice in the Holy Temple were wrapped at birth. They were wrapped in cloth held by strips of cloth. The swaddling was intended to keep the lambs protected, unblemished, and unharmed.

Luke 2:7-12

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

There is Only One Answer to This Question.

"Jesus Christ was **in the flesh, yet He was undiminished deity** in what is known as the incarnation of Christ. Simply stated - God put on skin. By doing so Jesus Christ, became our perfect representative - representing mankind in totality and achieving for us what we could never achieve for ourselves and that is- by His righteousness, we inherit His righteous standing before God. By His death He was our substitute, by going to the cross and dying in our place He took upon Himself our punishment.

Having died - having been buried - and having been resurrected from the dead, Jesus Christ accomplished for us absolute, perfect and forever justification with God and before God. He did for us what He didn't need to do at all. Yet for mankind to be saved it could have only been Jesus Christ who was qualified to achieve for us so great a salvation."

It's Jesus Christ Who Stands Alone

1c.) In the revelation of time (the future belongs to Him)

Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Remember - Jesus Christ was **in the flesh, yet He was undiminished deity**

Philippians 2:7-11

but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Light of the World - The Alpha and the Omega - The First and The Last -
The Bread of Life - The Water of Life - The I AM - The Son of David - Lamb of
God - The Son of God - The Savior - The LORD - The Christ / Messiah –
The Branch - The Way. The Truth. The Life. –
The King of Kings - The Lord of Lords, Immanuel,
- Jesus

It Is Jesus

2.) It's Jesus Christ Who Stands Large

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2a.) In the spirit of man (hope renewed)

The Bible Says...

Ephesians 2:1-6

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 41:13

For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you."

How Does God Help Us?

(does God help us? – why doesn't God help us? – will God ever help us?)

Luke 1:26-33

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Matthew 4:13-16

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

It's Jesus Christ Who Stands Large

2b.) In the soul of man (faith restored)

Romans 12:2 NLT

Do not copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by {when} changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for your life, which is good and pleasing and complete.

Psalm 42:11

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad?
I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again - my Savior and my God!

It's Jesus Christ Who Stands Large

2c.) In the body of man (love realized)

He Is The Resurrected Jesus.

But we do not need to wait to experience His resurrection life at the moment of our death – as sweet as that is.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.

1 John 3:8

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

“Do you ever feel like you’re not being heard by the people around you? Do you ever feel like nobody cares about you as a real person? What about the need for you to talk to someone who will really understand exactly who and what you are and what you’re going through?”

Jesus Christ in His Flesh While on Earth
Experienced the exact same thing.

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was Manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

Romans 12:1c

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice to God... which is your reasonable service.

End of Study

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