



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

LESSON THREE:

What Did His World Think About His Birth?

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Introduction: This week we will celebrate Christmas. If you are like me, you are eager for it to get here. In our first lesson we talked about how His family viewed the event: parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. In our last lesson we talked about His community: the inn keeper, the shepherds, the priests, the prophets, the religious leaders, his neighbors, and the country where He lived. So many lives were impacted in that moment that we might overlook. Therefore, I want to encourage you to consider Jesus's birth one more time. Let's see it through the eyes of His world. Let's consider a few individuals...

Discussion:

I. What did the wise men think about His birth?

⇒ Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12, Numbers 24:17, Isaiah 60:3, Daniel 9:25-26, Micah 5:2

II. What did the king think about His birth?

⇒ Matthew 2:1-8, 16-22, Mark 13:1-2, Luke 14:3, John 1:10-11, Revelation 19:16

III. What did the nations think about His birth?

⇒ Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-37, Ruth 2:2, Joshua 2:1, Genesis 22:18

IV. What did the angels think about His birth?

⇒ Matthew 1:20-23, Matthew 2:12-13, 19-21, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:13-20

V. What did the devil think about His birth?

⇒ Genesis 3:1-15, 6:1-8, Job 1-2, John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11, Revelation 12-13

VI. What did the demons think about His birth?

⇒ Matthew 8:29, Matthew 25:41, Isaiah 14:12-15, II Peter 2:4, Jude 6-7

VII. What did the early church think about His birth?

⇒ John 1:1-17, John 3:16-17, John 18:37, Romans 1:13, I Timothy 3:16, I John 4:3

Conclusion: The story of Jesus did not start at the manger. His birth into human flesh was part of a divine plan long before that moment. The birth of Jesus was a magnificent event and one day every human knee will bow and confess His precious name. You may ponder what other people think about the birth of Jesus, but what do you think about it? Some people will accept it and others will reject it. What a great time to tell people about Jesus! Are you sharing the story of Jesus with others?