



# GULF SHORES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

## **LESSON TWO:**

### **What Did His Community Think About His Birth?**

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**Introduction:** Christmas time is upon us! The music is on the radio, Christmas cards in the mail, decorations on the trees, wreaths on the door, lights on rooftops, yard ornaments, Christmas treats, pies, fudge, candy, and the list goes on and on. What about Jesus? Occasionally we will see the signs: “Keep Christ in Christmas” or a manger scene in the yard. With all the commercialization we might forget that the name of Christ Jesus is on this holiday. People around the world are thinking about the Christ child. What do they think about Him? What did the people think about Him when He was born on this earth? If we hope to see Jesus’s birth through the eyes of His community, let’s consider a few individuals...

#### **Discussion:**

**I. What did the inn keeper think about His birth?**

⇒ Luke 2:7, Malachi 1:7-8, Mark 14:14, Luke 19:7, Luke 22:11

**II. What did the shepherds think about His birth?**

⇒ Luke 2:8-20, Psalm 23, John 1:29, John 1:36, I Corinthians 5:7

**III. What did the priests think about His birth?**

⇒ Luke 2:22-24, Leviticus 12:2-8, Exodus 13:2-15, Numbers 3:13, Numbers 8:17

**IV. What did the prophets think about His birth?**

⇒ Luke 2:25-40, Psalm 119:166, Isaiah 52:10, Luke 3:6, Luke 24:53

**V. What did the religious leaders think about His birth?**

⇒ Luke 2:41-52, John 8:12-59, Matthew 13:55, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 2:4-6

**VI. What did the neighbors think about His birth?**

⇒ Matthew 2:8, Luke 2:16, Luke 2:20, John 1:10-14, Matthew 2:11

**VII. What did the country think about His birth?**

⇒ Matthew 2:1-23, Micah 5:2, Numbers 24:8, Hosea 11:1, Jeremiah 31:15

**Conclusion:** 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. The birth of Jesus was a magnificent event, but there is more to His story. What a great time to tell people about Jesus! Are you sharing the story of Jesus with others? Are you persecuted because you believe? Are you faithfully walking with Him?