

**Luke 2:1-52**  
**What is Christmas all about?**

**Introduction:**

The meaning of Christmas is quite obscured today. Usually the greetings you hear is have a “happy holiday” which is a general way of bunching a group of festivities together. To me this is a distraction from the incarnation of Christ. There are no holy days except the Lord’s Day and very few know anything about that day. Perhaps it is true that we are living in post-Christian culture as some Theologians would suggest. My aim on this Lord’s Day, holy unto the Lord would be to expound upon the truth about the Birth of Christ.

**I. JESUS AS A BABY**

**A. Bethlehem – John 6:35**

1. City of David and Shepherds – I Sam. 17:15
2. Joseph engaged to Mary – v.5 cf. Matt. 1:20-25
3. Immaculate Conception? (declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854) Matt 13:55,56; Luke 8:19,20; Heb. 13:4)
4. Mary in need of a Savior – Luke 1:46,47

**B. Jesus’ Poverty**

1. Laid in an animal trough – II Cor. 8:9
2. The Kenosis Doctrine – Phil.2:7
3. Jesus active in His birth – John 1:14

**C. Shepherds and Angels – 8-12**

1. Angelic exhortation – “stop being afraid” (Luke 1:13-15)
2. I bring the evangel, the gospel (good news)
3. I bring great joy!
4. The angel emphasized the word “born”
5. The angel emphasized the word “Savior” –Matt. 1:2 also emphasized by Luke, John, Paul, Peter and Jude – (John 4:42; 3:20; Tit. 2:13; II Pet. 1:1; I John 4:14; Jude 1:25 (Luke 1:47; 2:11; John 4:42; Acts 5:31; 13:23; Eph. 5:23; Phil. 3:20; I Tim.1:1; 2:3; 4:10; II Tim.1:10; Tit. 1:3,4; 2:10,13; 3:4,6; II Pet. 1:1,11; 2:20; 3:2,18; I John 4:14; Jud.1:25)

**II. JESUS AS A BOY**

**D. Jesus continued to grow – 2:39-52; Heb. 4:15**

1. He grew strong – Mar. 6:3; Psa. 139:13-16
2. He grew spiritually – Lu. 2:52; I Pet. 2:20

**E. Jesus in the midst of the teachers**

1. Three feasts – Ex. 23:14-17; 34:22,23; Deut. 16:16
2. Jesus at age twelve – bar mitzvah – (son law)

**F. Teaching the Teachers: v.52**

1. The teachers were amazed at His understanding – v.47
2. Mary was gripped with emotion and anxiety – v.48 cf. Luke 1:30-35
3. Luke’s contrastive phraseology – v.48, 49
  - a. Jesus was the only one who knew His father thoroughly and completely – Lu. 10:22; Matt. 11:25-27
  - b. Jesus was conscious of having been sent by His Father from a very early age in His life – v.49; John 8:29 ( John 6:37-40, 57; 8:18,28,29,38,49,54,55)
  - c. Jesus was one with the Father – John 10:30
  - d. Jesus must obey His Father and fulfill Scripture:
    1. Jesus must preach – Luke 4:43
    2. Jesus must suffer – Luke 9:22
    3. Jesus must go on His way – Luke 13:33
    4. Jesus must stay at the home of Zaccheus – Luke 19:5
    5. Jesus must be delivered up, crucified, rise again – Luke 24:7
    6. Jesus must enter into glory – Luke 22:37; 24:26
    7. Jesus must fulfill Old Testament prophecies – Luke 24:44

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