

# Messiah's Birth

Jesus the Messiah – Part 3

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Isaiah 7:2b (NIV) so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord, not man

### 1A. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 7:4 (NIV) Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood--because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah.'

### 1B. God is in \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 7:7 (NIV) Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "It will not take place, it will not happen,"

### 1C. Stand firm in your \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 7:9b (NIV) "If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

## 2. God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ Himself

### 2A. \_\_\_\_\_ God for a sign

Isaiah 7:10-11 (NIV) Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

### 2B. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ God's evidence

Isaiah 7:12 (NIV) But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."

## 2C. God gave us a \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

## 3. Jesus came to show us \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 1:18a (NIV2011) This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about:

### 3A. Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 1:20-21 (NIV2011) But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

### 3B. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_, God with us

Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV2011) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

### 3C. Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 1:24-25 (NIV2011) When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

## Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun
- Read Isaiah 7:1-16 & Matthew 1:18-25 about the Messiah's birth.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

# Messiah's Birth Study Guide

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Intro. Do you think the true meaning of Christmas has been lost in America? Why or why not?

What are some ways that we can help recover the true meaning of Christmas?

How has the birth of Jesus Christ affected the history of the world?

What is the purpose of Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah?

1A. In what ways is fear the opposite of faith (Isaiah 7:4, Luke 8:50)?

1B. How is the Lord sovereign over the entire world (Isaiah 7:7)?

1C. What does it mean to “stand firm in your faith” (Isaiah 7:9, 1 Corinthians 16:13)?

1D. How are people today tempted to trust in things other than God?

2A. Why did the Lord command Ahaz to ask for a sign (Isaiah 7:10-11)?

2B. Why did Ahaz refuse to ask God for a sign (Isaiah 7:12)? Was this wrong or right? Why?

2C. How was the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 fulfilled both historically and prophetically?

2D. How does God reveal Himself to people today?

2E. What kind of signs has God shown you to reveal Himself to you?

3A. Why is it important that Jesus was the Messiah (Matthew 1:18)?

3B. Why does the conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit tell us about His nature (Matthew 1:20-21, Hebrews 1:3)?

3C. How was Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah of Immanuel (Matthew 1:22-23, Matthew 28:20b)?

3D. How was Joseph's response to God different than Ahaz's (Matthew 1:24-25)?

3E. Who can you pray for that God would reveal Himself to?