

The Christ of Christmas

Luke 2:6–19 (NIV) — (6) While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **(7)** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **(8)** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **(9)** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **(10)** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **(11)** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. **(12)** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” **(13)** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, **(14)** “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” **(15)** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” **(16)** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **(17)** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **(18)** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **(19)** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

I) The Cradle

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV) — (14) 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.

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) — (21) 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.”

Genesis 3:15 (NIV) — (15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Micah 5:2 (NIV) — (2) “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

II) His Teachings

III) His Death

IV) His Victory And Ours

1 Corinthians 15:50–58 (NIV) — (50) I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. **(51)** Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— **(52)** in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. **(53)** For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. **(54)** When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” **(55)** “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” **(56)** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **(57)** But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **(58)** Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.