CHAPTER 22
The Birth of the King
MATT 1-2, LUKE 1-2, JOHN 1

THE STORY

Introduction
What will it be like to see Jesus in all of his glory?
This is a Christmas message without the pressure of Christmas.
There’s just Jesus and I like that.

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I. Jesus is the Messiah.
MATTHEW 1-2

All the prophecies concerning the Messiah find their fulfillment in Jesus.
Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus shows that he is:
• The Son of David – II Samuel 7:16
• From the tribe of Judah – Genesis 49:10
• The Son of Abraham – Genesis 12:3

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Concerning the birth of Christ, Matthew tells us:
• Jesus was born of a virgin. Isaiah 7:14
• He would be called Jesus. Jesus is the Greek form of Joshua which means “The Lord Saves”. Matthew 1:21
• He would be called Immanuel – God with us. Isaiah 7:14
• He would be born in Bethlehem, the city of David – Micah 5:2
• He is the King of Israel, but he is also a King for all people. Matthew 2:2 and 28:18-20

II. Jesus is fully man.
LUKE 1-2

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Luke emphasizes Jesus’ humanity and humility.
- Born to an ordinary “Joe”.
- Born in the lowest of circumstances.
- Born as a baby – God in human flesh. Jesus’ birth was truly humble.

III. Jesus is fully God.

John emphasizes Jesus’ deity. Jesus is the Word made flesh. John uses term “logos” to describe Jesus.
- We get our word logic or reason from it. Heraklitus, a philosopher in Ephesus, said that “logos is the omnipotent wisdom that steers everything.”
- Plato said it may be that “one day there may come forth from God a word that will reveal all mysteries.”

It was also a term the Jews would understand.
- In the beginning puts Jesus birth in context. Genesis 1:1
- How did God create the world? By his word. John 1:1-5
- This living Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. He “tabernacled” among us. What does that bring to mind? John 1:14
- If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. John 1:18

We have seen him before.
- Who was it that walked with Adam in the cool of the garden? Genesis 3:8
- Who was it that came to Joshua as commander of heaven’s armies? Joshua 5:14
- Who was it that stood with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace and looked like “a son of the gods”? Daniel 3:25
- “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” John 8:58

This Jesus is the one who was made flesh. He is not part man and part God, but fully man and fully God.
Conclusion
Why didn’t the Innkeeper invite him in?
Could it be that his life was just too crowded?
Can anybody relate to that?
Jesus didn’t come to complicate our life
he came to simplify it.
Do you have time for Jesus?