

JESUS, GOD'S SON, IS BORN

A **prophecy** in about 700 **B.C.** : Where will Jesus **Christ** be born?

Micah 5:2 (Old Testament)

²Bethlehem town is very small in Israel. But from Bethlehem will come a leader for Israel. This leader is from eternity past.

Jesus' **Birth** – Luke 2:4-20

(about **A.D. 1** in Israel)

⁴Joseph went about 130 kilometers from the town of Nazareth to the town of Bethlehem. Bethlehem was Joseph's hometown. ⁵He went to Bethlehem to register. He was engaged to Mary, so Mary went with Joseph. Mary was pregnant [by God's Holy Spirit].

⁶When Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, it was time for the baby to be born.

⁷Mary gave birth to her first son. She put him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸There were shepherds who lived in the fields near Bethlehem. They were watching their sheep at night. ⁹An angel from God came to the shepherds, and God's glory was very bright. The shepherds were very afraid.

¹⁰But the angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It is very happy news. It is for all the people. ¹¹Today in Bethlehem a Savior has been born for you. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²This is how you can find the baby: He is lying in a manger."

¹⁵The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see what God has told us about." ¹⁶So they went quickly and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in a manger.

¹⁷After the shepherds saw the baby, the shepherds told everyone. The shepherds told everyone what the angel said about the baby. ¹⁸And all the people were amazed when they heard about the baby. ¹⁹But Mary kept everything in her heart – and Mary thought deeply about everything.

²⁰The shepherds went back home. They thanked and praised God for everything they had heard and seen. It was just like the angel told them!

CONTENT QUESTIONS:**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- **When** was Micah 5:2 **written**?
- **Where** will Jesus Christ be born?
- When was Jesus born?

Do you know what will happen next month?

Who knows what will happen next month?

- Where did Joseph & Mary go? (verse 4, 5)
- What was Joseph & Mary's **relationship**? (verse 5)
- What was Mary's **situation**? (verse 5)
- **Why** was Mary pregnant? (verse 5)
- Where did Mary & Joseph **stay** in Bethlehem? (vs 7) **stable** [explain meaning]
- Why did they stay there? (verse 7)
- Where did Mary put baby Jesus? (verse 7)

Are you surprised that God's Son was born in a stable?

6Jesus Christ was [in heaven with God the Father and was] God. Jesus Christ was equal with God – but Jesus did not keep his equality with God. 7But Jesus made himself nothing – he made himself a servant – he became a man. 8Jesus became a man, so he became very humble – and he obeyed God the Father. Jesus obeyed God the Father and died – Jesus died on a cross! 9So [later] God the Father lifted Jesus up to the highest position – and God the Father gave Jesus the highest name. 10So [later] every person will bow down to Jesus – everyone in heaven and earth and under the earth will bow down to Jesus. 11And everyone will say: Jesus is Lord – so God the Father will get glory.

Philippians 2:6-11

Why do you think Jesus became humble? (Luke 2:11)

- Who were living near Bethlehem? (verse 8)
- What were they doing? When were they doing it? (verse 8)
- Who came to the shepherds? (verse 9)

- What good news did the angel tell the shepherds? (verse 11)
- Who was the good news for? (verse 10-11): for shepherds and **all** people

Is it good news for us too?
Why do you think it is? Or isn't?

- What did the shepherds do next? (verse 15-16)
- Where was the baby? (verse 16)
- What did the shepherds do after they saw the baby? (verse 17)
- Why do you think they told everyone?
- Why were all the people amazed? (verse 17 & verses 11-12)
- But what did Mary do? (verse 19)

Does everyone feel the same when they hear about Jesus?

- How did the shepherds feel? (verse 20)
- Why did the shepherds thank and praise God? (verse 20)

Jesus Christ	イエス・キリスト
born	生まれる
prophecy	預言
B.C.	紀元前
Christ / Messiah	キリスト、メシア　ー　神に任命された方、 救い主
Micah	ミカ（預言者）
Old Testament	旧約聖書（イエス以前の聖書の話）
Bethlehem	ベツレヘム（ダビデ王の故郷・イエスはこの 町で生まれた）
town	町
very	非常に
small - smaller - smallest	小さい・より小さい・最も小さい
Israel	イスラエル
leader	指導者、リーダー
eternity	永遠
eternity past	永遠の昔
birth	誕生
A. D.	紀元
Joseph	ヨセフ
kilometer	キロメートル
Nazareth	ナザレ（イエスはこの町で育った）
hometown	ふるさと
register	登録する
engage	婚約する
Mary	マリヤ、マリヤ
pregnant	妊娠する、身ごもる
Holy Spirit	聖霊、神様の霊、キリストの霊
time	時間、間
give birth - gave birth - given birth	産む
first	第一、一番目、最初、まず、初めに
son	息子
put - put - put	置く、入れる
manger	(動物のための) 飼い葉桶
room	空き、部屋

inn	宿屋
shepherd	羊飼い
live in the fields	野宿
near	近く
watch	眺める、見つめる、（動いてるものをわざと）みる、番をする
sheep	羊
night	夜
angel	天使
glory	栄光
bright	まぶしい、鮮やか
afraid	恐れる、恐る、怖くなる
good / better / best	良い・より良い・最も良い、正しい
news	知らせ
happy	嬉しい、喜ぶ
all	すべて
Savior	救ってくださる人、救い主
Lord	主、天地創造の神様
find - found - found	見つける
lie - lay - lain	横になる
see - saw - seen	見る、分かる
tell - told - told	命じる、教える、伝える、戒める、話をする、伝える
about	約、について
quickly	急いで、早く、すぐに
after	の後、ののち
everyone	皆
amaze	驚く、不思議に思う
hear - heard - heard	聞く、聞こえる [pronunciation = heer - hrd - hrd]
keep - kept - kept keep (a promise)	保つ、持つ、(約束や戒めを) 守る、取っておく
everything	すべて、全部
heart	心

think - thought - thought	思う、考える
deeply	深く
go back - went back - gone back	戻る
home	家庭
thank	感謝する
praise	ほめたたえる、賛美する、褒める、たたえる
just (only)	ちょうど、ぴったり、只、だけ、ジャスト
like	のように、似る

when	その時、という時に、いつ
write - wrote - written	書く
where	どこ
happen	起こる
next	次
month	月間、月、～ヶ月
who	誰
relationship	関係
situation	状況、事態、状態
why	なぜ、どうして
stay	いる、待つ、止まる、泊まる、滞在する、そのままに
stable	馬小屋
surprise	驚く、びっくり、びっくりする
heaven	天、天国
equal	等しい
equality	平等
make - made - made	造る、作る、させる
himself	彼自身
nothing	何もない、何でもない、無
servant	しもべ、召し使い、従者、僕、端女、はしため
become - became - became	になる、なる
man = human	人間
humble	謙遜、へりくだる、（人を）低くする

obey	従う
later	あとで、その後
lift up	引き上げる、高くする
high / higher / highest	高い・より高い・最も高い
position	地位
every	あらゆる、すべての
person (1 person / 2 people)	人、人格のある者
bow (rhymes with: cow)	ひれ伏す、お辞儀する
earth	地、地球
under	の下
get - got - gotten	受ける、もらう、得る、になる
or	または、あるいは
feel - felt - felt	感じる
same	同じ