

Knowing Jesus Jesus Born as Prophesied

Text: Matthew 1,2 & Luke 1,2

Purpose: Jesus' birth, life and death are talked about in detail throughout the Old Testament. The New Testament is the fulfilling of those events to demonstrate God's perfect plan and encourage us in His future promises.

Opening Question: *What descriptions have your parents told you about your birth?*

Read and Discuss: Matthew 1,2 & Luke 1,2 (review)

1. *Why are genealogies in the Bible important? What does it tell us about God?*

2. *Read through the list of Prophecies & Fulfillment below:*

Prophecy 1: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

Fulfillment 1: "The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Prophecy 2: "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son" (Hosea 11:1)

Fulfillment 2: "So he [Joseph] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son'" (Matthew 2:14–15).

Prophecy 3: "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 old, from ancient times." (Micah 5:2).

Fulfillment 3: When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

3. How does this list, as well as, other prophecies encourage you?

4. What are some promises God makes in the Bible? What's challenging about believing in God's future promises?

5. How do the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled in the New Testament impact how you live in the future?