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Christmas Through the Bible

Christmas in the Gospels

When believers think about Christmas our immediate thought is the gospels, especially Luke. This makes sense as the gospels present us with the birth of Jesus Christ. While each gospel mentions the birth, each gospel writer does so in their own unique way and communicates specific truths for us to understand.

Additional Verses:

Isaiah 40:3-5

Luke 3:6

John 3:16

Ephesians 2:8

Outline:

1. Christmas in the genealogy. (Matthew 1:1-17)

2. Christmas in the forerunner. (Mark 1:1-8)

3. Christmas in history. (Luke 1:1-4)

4. Christmas in the incarnation. (John 1:1-14)

Study Questions:

1. What role do genealogies serve in the Bible? How does Matthew use his genealogy to prove that point? Why must Jesus have the correct genealogy?

2. Why is John the Baptist important in the gospels? What function does John serve? How does his ministry prepare the way for Jesus' ministry?

3. How is Luke different from the other gospel writers? Describe the spiritual journey about which Luke writes? How is this encapsulated in Luke's extended quote of Isaiah in Luke 3:6?

4. Why does John begin his gospel at the creation of the universe? How is John 1:14 John's birth story of Jesus? How does this fit with John 20:30-31?

5. Which part of the Christmas story do you enjoy most? Why?

6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?