

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 2--Luke 2

Introduction: Though the Scriptures tell us little of Jesus' birth and boyhood, the details given to us confirm our faith in the fact that Jesus is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit has given us the testimony of both angels and prophets, all of which joined together with one voice to declare that Jesus was worthy of praise and the only hope of the world's salvation.

Lesson aim: To demonstrate that the evidence connected with Jesus' birth supports the evangelist's claims that He was the Son of God.

Jesus' birth--Luke 2:1-7

1. What historic people and events serve to help us locate the time of Jesus' birth? (v. 1-2)
2. Why was it necessary for Joseph to be registered in Bethlehem? (v. 3-5)
3. What had the prophets said about the birthplace of the Christ? (See Mic. 5:2) Where was Jesus born? (v. 6-7) Why might this be significant?

The announcement to the shepherds--Luke 2:8-20

1. Where were the shepherds when the angel of the Lord announced the Messiah's birth to them? (v. 8-9)
2. What testimony did the angel give about Jesus to the shepherds? (v. 10-12)
3. What did the multitude of angels say? (v. 13-14)
4. Describe the response of the shepherds (v. 15-16). What does it say about them?
5. What effect did the shepherd's testimony have on Mary? (v. 17-20)

Jesus is presented at the temple--Luke 2:21-38

1. Why was Jesus circumcized? (v. 21) What name was given him? Why?
2. What laws of God were Joseph and Mary obeying by their appearance at the temple? (v. 22-24) What could we conclude from Mary and Joseph's sacrifice about their economic situation?

3. What kind of man was Simeon? (v. 25-26) What had God revealed to him?
4. Summarize Simeon's prayer to God concerning Jesus (v. 29-32). What was Mary and Joseph's reaction? (v. 33)
5. What did Simeon tell Mary about her son? (v. 34-35)
6. What do we know about Anna? (v. 36-37) What was her testimony concerning Jesus? (v. 38)

Jesus' boyhood--Luke 2:39-52

1. Where was Jesus reared? (v. 39) What is the significance of this?
2. What other events happened before this that Luke does not relate? (See Mt. 2)
3. What annual trip did Joseph and Mary take? (v. 41) Why?
4. What did Joseph and Mary find Jesus doing in the temple? (v. 42-46) How did those conversing with Him respond to His answers? (v. 47)
5. What statement did Jesus make when His parents expressed concern for His having stayed there without their knowledge? (v. 48-50) What does this statement suggest about Jesus at this early age?
6. Describe the attitude of Jesus as a boy (v. 51). What effect did these things have upon Mary?
7. Describe Jesus' progress as He grew to manhood (v. 52).