Series: Christ The King (12/10/17) **Title:** The Birth of Christ, The King

Text: (Matt 1:18-25) (Luke 1:26-35) (Luke 2:1-20)

NOEL: From French 14th centuryIt Means "Birthday"The Celebration Day of "THE BIRTH".The Birth that changed everything.

Miraculous Fulfillment of Prophecy: (Lk 1:26-33) (Is 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(Is 11:1) And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

A Miraculous Birth:

(Is 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

<u>He is to be Immanuel</u>: (God with us) Fulfilled in... (Matt 1:22-23) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall

bring forth a son, and they shall call his name <u>Emmanuel</u>, which being interpreted is, <u>God with us.</u> (Is 9:6) The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father.

The Mighty God: The One whom the Heavens cannot contain, yet limited Himself to the form of a little baby.

(1 Kings 8:27) But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

The Infinite God became an INFANT!

Man could not come to God because of our sin. God, in Christ, came to man, that He might bring sinful man to God by the act of redemption.

(John 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and Word was God.

(John 1:14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

(1 Tim 3:16) And without controversy great is **the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Have you ever asked yourself: Why a Virgin?

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A Miraculous Conception, w/o human involvement, Brought about a Miraculous Birth, So we would know that He was no Ordinary Man.

He had to be a descendant of Adam who Satan had no claim over. - i.e. - W/o Original sin.

All of the descendants of Adam are sinners by nature because we were in the loins of Adam when He sinned.

(Rom 5:12) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

We are all born in Sin - i.e. Original Sin

(Gen 3:15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

(Virgin) Necessary to be the Son of God. (Human) Necessary to be the Son of Man.

Jesus is as Human as His Mother. Jesus is as Divine as His Father. He is the <u>Son of Man</u> on His Mother's side. He is the Son of Righteousness on His Father's side.

He is the <u>Servant</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>King of Kings</u> on His Father's side.

He is the <u>Suffering Lamb</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>Risen Lord</u> on His Father's side.

He is the <u>331/2 years old</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>From Everlasting to Everlasting</u> on His Father's side.

The Help of an Earthly King:

(Luke 2:1-3) And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

Taxes Levied to bring about God's plan.

(Prov 21:1) The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

The City of the King: Bethlehem: (Mic 5:2) But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

(Lk 2:4) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem;

Each family to register at his home town, fulfilling prophecy.

(Luke 2:4-5) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

The City of King David's birth, would be the City of the 'King of King's' birth: (2 Sam 7:16) And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

(Luke 1:27) To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

(Luke 2:6) And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Physical Birth:

(Luke 2:7) And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

He took upon Himself Humble Clothes: He Supplies us with Robes of Righteousness
(Phil 3:9) And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

He was brought into Humble Accommodations: He Supplies us with Mansions (John 14:2)

There was No Room in the Inn for Jesus:

Many still have no room for Jesus in their hearts.

The Attendants of the King: Shepherds:

(Luke 2:8) And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Keeping Watch: Watching over the Passover lambs.

Multitude of Angels:

(Luke 2:9) And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Bringing Good News to all men: (Vs 10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Christ the Lord of All: (Vs 11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Christ brings Peace to all men: (Vs 12-14) And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

After Hearing, they came and found him: (Vs 15-17) They Believed the Angels: (Vs 15) And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

Went with Haste: (Vs 16) And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Spread the News: (Vs 17) And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Praising God: (Vs 20) And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

They Glorified God: *Do we?* They Were Happy: *Are we*

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(John 6:37-40) 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.