

Series: Son of Man (1/9/22 am)

Title: The Characters of Christ's Birth

Text: (Luke 2)

Each person had a different **Point of View (POV)** about Jesus

Each person had a different **Part** in God's plan for Jesus.

Each person had a different **Plan** for Jesus.

(Vs 1-3) Caesar Augustus

POV: A Peasant/Nobody/of No Consequence.

Part: Orchestrate world events to fulfill prophecy.

Plan: Source of Tax Revenue: (what he could get from him)

(Vs 4) Joseph

POV: A terrible inconvenience: (Matt 1:19-25)

Fulfillment Divine Prophecy: (Is 7:14, Is 9:6-7)

Part: Take to Bethlehem (Lk 2:4-6) Name him (Matt 1:21)

Plan: Protect, Provide, & Prepare Jesus for earthly ministry.

(Vs 5-7) Mary

POV: Son of God (Lk 1:35) Savior: (Lk 1:46-47)

Part: Carry, Birth, Mother, Nurture him from her own body.

Plan: To Rejoice (Lk 1:46-47) To Ponder (Lk 2:19 & 51)

(Vs 8) Shepherds

POV: He is the Savior (Lk 2:12)

Part: To Publish Widely Jesus' Birth (Lk 2:17-18, 20)

Plan: Expected Deliverance from Roman Rule (Lk 2:20)

(Vs 9-14) Angel & The Heavenly Host

POV: God, Christ, Savior (Lk 2:11-12)

Part: Messenger To Mary, Joseph, Shepherds

Plan: Praise: (Lk 2:13-14)

(Vs 25-35) Simeon

POV: The Christ: (Lk 2:26) His Savior: (Lk 2:30)

Part: To Praise God: (Lk 2:28) To Bless Parents (Lk 2:34-35)

Plan: To die with Assurance: (Lk 2:29)(2 Tim 1:12)

(Vs 36-39) Anna

POV: Redeemer: (Lk 2:38)

Part: Praise God: (Lk 2:38)

Plan: Proclaim him to others: (Lk 2:38b)

1. What is your Point of View of Jesus?

Liar: He claimed to be the Messiah, but He knew He wasn't (Matt 13:54-58) The Carpenter's Son (Jn 7:41, 1:46)

Lunatic: Claimed to be the Messiah, didn't know He wasn't. (John 8:53-58) "I am" denotes absolute eternal existence.

(Jn 10:30-33) *They understood "Who" He was claiming to Be*

Lord: (John 13:13) **Lord~ He is the Boss.**

2. What is your Part in God's Plan of Jesus?

Are you just to Exist, consume resources, like a cow?

3. What is your Plan for Jesus?

Is He your Redeemer?

Is He JUST your Redeemer?

Will you Worship Him in Obedience?

Will you Praise Him in the Good and the Bad times?

Will you Serve Him by Serving Others?

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