

“The First Coming of the Messiah”

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At Bible study on Wednesday night, I began a two-part series. The presentation was titled “The First Coming of the Messiah.” (The next presentation will be titled “The Second Coming of the Messiah.”)

Eight interesting facts

In the Wednesday presentation, I briefly mentioned three articles about the first coming of the Messiah. Here was the first one.

Looking back to March 2021, an article by Hope Bolinger titled “Eight Interesting Facts About the Birth of Jesus” was posted at crosswalk.com on March 2, 2021. Following are the author’s eight points.

1. Jesus was born in the same village as King David.
2. The birth of Jesus ruined Joseph’s reputation.
3. Jesus’ birth came after 400 years of silence from God.
4. Joseph could have had Mary killed for adultery.
5. Jesus was probably not born in December. (The author said: “Jesus most likely had a spring birth.” Personally, I believe that Jesus was born in the fall. More about that shortly.)
6. The narrative intentionally draws a contrast between Jesus and John the Baptist.
7. The wise men were not there.
8. A manger is a feeding trough.

Loving Father, Son and brethren

I made the following comments in the Wednesday presentation to any guests who may have been listening to my presentation on our website or on Facebook Live.

I mentioned that most people in our congregation believe that Jesus Christ was born in the fall of the year. Some believe that He was born on the Feast of Trumpets. More of my friends believe that He was born at the opening of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Therefore, there are people who love Jesus Christ (like the members of our congregation) who are not actively celebrating Christmas—yet they have great love for the Father, the Son and brethren.

- They love our Heavenly Father.
- They love our older Brother, who is the door for salvation.
- They love the biblical details about the birth of Jesus Christ.
- And they love the people who view the timing of the birth of Jesus Christ differently from their belief.

Two great commandments

Children of God certainly recognize the “first commandment of all.”

- Mark 12:30—“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”
- Mark 12:31—“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

I realize that all people sin and make mistakes toward God and toward each other.

I realize that people sometimes are not very kind toward other Christians who have a different understanding of the same Bible. Children of God are expected to have strong convictions, but we are also expected to have compassion toward people who view some items in the Bible a little bit differently.

I hope that people (who both accept that the Father sent His Son as the door to salvation) can be loving toward those who have a different view about the timing of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Let’s look at some more interesting articles.

Eight biblical prophecies

Looking back to December 2022, an article by Susan Aken titled “Seven Prophecies That Foretold Jesus’ Birth” was posted at iBelieve.com on Dec. 23, 2022. Following are the author’s seven points.

1. A descendent of Abraham would bless all people—(Genesis 12:3 and Matthew 1:1).
2. The Messiah would come from the house of David—(Jeremiah 23:5-6 and Luke 1:31-33).
3. The Messiah would be born of a virgin—(Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:20-23).
4. The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem—(Micah 5:2 and Luke 2:15).
5. The Messiah would be called out of Egypt—(Hosea 11:1 and Matthew 2:1-15).

6. The Messiah would be called a Nazarene—(Matthew 2:23).
7. There would be a loss of children's lives—(Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2:16-18).

Over 300 prophecies

An article titled "Is Jesus for Real? Can There Actually Be Mathematical Proof?" (which was posted at bibletimes.net) mentioned that there are more than 300 prophecies that point directly to the Messiah. Here are eight of them.

1. The time of His birth—(see the timeline in Daniel 8 and 9).
2. He would be born in Bethlehem—(Micah 5:2).
3. He would be born of a virgin—(Isaiah 7:14).
4. He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver—(Zechariah 11:12).
5. He would be mocked—(Psalm 22:7-8).
6. He would be crucified—(John 3:14 referred to in Numbers 21:4-9).
7. He would be pierced—(Psalm 22:16).
8. He would die with the wicked and be buried with the rich—(Isaiah 53:9).

Savior and door

No matter when you believe the Son of God was born, please understand His role in your salvation.

- John 3:16—God gave His Son that you will have everlasting life.
- John 10:7—He said: "I am the door of the sheep."
- John 10:9—He said: "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved."
- John 10:11—He said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."
- John 10:14—He said: "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own."
- John 10:15—He said: "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep."
- John 10:16—He said: "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd."
- John 11:25-26—He said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me (though he may die), he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
- John 12:44-45—He said: "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me."