

The Preparation

The Birth of Our Saviour



Matthew 1-4

Luke 1-4

John 1-2

Lesson 19: The Preparation

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BIBLE

Book	Chapters	Author	Date
Matthew	1 - 4	Matthew	50s or 60s
Luke	1- 4	Luke	60
John	1 - 2	John (The Apostle)	85 - 90

SUMMARY

Jesus is miraculously born, baptised, and tested in the wilderness, then begins preaching the kingdom of God. John the Baptist prepares the way, and both face early public reactions—some in awe, others in rejection.

NOTES

Ancestry

- Matthew begins by recording the lineage of Jesus emphasising he is both a decedent *royalty* (King David) and *promise* (Abraham). - Matthew 1:1-17
- Luke's record of Jesus' genealogy focus' more on Jesus being the 'Son of God', as well as the 'Son of Man'. - Luke 3:23-38

Infancy

- Mary's miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and Joseph's acceptance of Mary. - Matthew 1:18-25
- Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth's baby leaps in her womb. - Luke 1:39-56
- Wise men from the East visit Jesus, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Matthew 2:1-12
- John the Baptist's birth is recounted, setting the stage for his role in Jesus' life. - Luke 1:57-80/ Luke 1:57-80
- Jesus is born in Bethlehem; shepherds visit after being told by angels. - Luke 2:1-20

Childhood and Youth

- Joseph is warned in a dream to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to escape King Herod's massacre of infant boys in Bethlehem. - Matthew 2:13-15
- After Herod's death, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus return to Israel and settle in Nazareth. - Matthew 2:19-23/ Luke 2:39-40
- Jesus is presented in the Temple, where Simeon and Anna recognize him as the Messiah. - Luke 2:22-38
- At twelve years old, Jesus stays behind in the Temple in Jerusalem, engaging with teachers and astounding them with his understanding and answers.
- Mary and Joseph, unaware of his whereabouts, search for three days and find him in the Temple, where he expresses his devotion to his Father's work. - Luke 2:41-50
- Eighteen silent years. - Luke 2:51-52

Young Manhood: Transition from private to public life

- John the Baptist's appearance (The forerunner): - Matthew 3:1-12 / Luke 3:1-20 / John 1:19-28
- Jesus is baptised by John and the spirit falls upon him. - Matthew 3:13-17/ Luke 3:21-22
- Immediately follow his baptism, Jesus is led by the spirit into the wilderness and tempted by Satan. - Matthew 4:1-11/ Luke 4:1-13
- Jesus begins to gain his first followers. - John 1:29-51
- Jesus at a wedding feast in Cana performed his first miracle turning the water to wine. John 2:1-12

KEY POINTS

1. From the very beginning Jesus' life was a model of humility - The Son of God didn't come with fame a glory, but in the humble form of a baby.
2. John the Baptist's shows us how important it is to prepare our hearts, making space for God to move in us..
3. Jesus faced challenges and rejection, but he stayed true to his calling