



INTRODUCTION: As we look into the Gospel of Luke, we see the promise that was given to Mary that she would bring forth a son whose name would be Jesus. Mary was a virgin who had preserved herself faithfully unto the Lord. She had prepared herself for the calling of God upon her life. It is important for us to understand that phrase in Luke 1:35, “the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee”. It is one of the most foundational and fundamental doctrines of our faith that Jesus was born of a virgin.

I. THE PLACE OF HIS PRESENTATION (LUKE 2:4)

A. BETHLEHEM WAS A PROPHESED PLACE (LUKE 2:4)

Micah 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.”

The word **Bethlehem** means the House of Bread.

John 6:35, “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

B. BETHLEHEM WAS A PRIMITIVE PLACE (LUKE 2:7)

From the very first moments of His life until the time of His death on the cross, Jesus always lived outside of what man would call prosperity.

Hebrews 13:12, “¹² Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. ¹³ Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.”

The swaddling clothes were a cheap linen that were also used as a burial wrapping. You see this was fitting for Him since Jesus Christ was born to die.

It’s only fitting that He would be born in a manger. Jesus was laid down as the perfect Lamb of God, the spotless Lamb that was born to die as a sacrifice for the sins of the entire world.

John 1:29, “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

Galatians 4:4, “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,”

II. THE PEACE AT HIS ARRIVAL

A. THERE IS PEACE IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS (LUKE 1:32, 2:7)

1 Timothy 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.”

Isaiah 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.” (Immanuel – God with us)

B. THERE IS PEACE IN THE PROCLAMATION OF AN ANGEL (LUKE 2:10)

In Genesis chapter 3, God was worried about Adam and called his name.

Genesis 3:10, “And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid. . .”

The Lord Jesus Christ came to relieve the fear and to forgive the sin. The place of his presentation was a promise fulfilled by Almighty God and the peace of his arrival is available to anyone who trusts Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

III. THE PROVISION OF THE SAVIOR (LUKE 2:11)

A. HE PROVIDES A SAVING LOVE

1. Saving love is a forgiving love.

Matthew 1:21, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

2. Saving love is a giving love (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9).

Acts 8:20, “But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.”

B. HE PROVIDES A REDEEMING LOVE

Romans 5:1, “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”

1 John 5:11-13, “¹¹ And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. ¹³ These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”