

"The Promises Continued"

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Word of God

(John 1:14, 16-18; Acts 3:18-20; Colossians 2:9; Revelation 19:11, 13)

The Prophecies of Jesus' Birth

1. Born into tribe of Judah and lineage of King David

(Jeremiah 23:5)

2. Born of the seed of woman and a virgin

(Isaiah 7:14)

3. Born in Bethlehem

(Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4-7)

4. The promise of the _____ for the King

(Matthew 2:1-6, 9-11; Numbers 24:17; Psalms 72:10-11; Philippians 2:9-11)

5. The promise of _____ because of sin's _____

(Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:7, 16-18; Isaiah 53:6-7; Romans 6:23)

6. The promise of _____ and salvation

(Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:12-14; Acts 7:36-37; Romans 10:12-13)

God's Word is _____ and _____!

(Romans 10:17; 1 John 2:25)

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1. Read **Matthew 2:1-18**. How did God speak to you through the sermon? What challenges did you take away from the sermon?
2. As you review the prophecies of Jesus’ birth, what do they tell us of who Jesus is and what He came to do? How does His birth point to His death and salvation? How does the fulfillment of the Word of God in Jesus give us hope and confidence in receiving and following all of His Word?
3. How do the Magi and their gifts teach us about worship? How do we bring our gifts of worship and does our worship honor the King and prepare for His second coming? How do our gifts of worship flow from our faith and belief? How does the reaction of Herod stand in contrast to the worship of the Magi? How does our behavior reveal the heart of rebellion or belief? Why do you believe that suffering is part of the Christmas story?
4. What is the significance of Jesus going to Egypt? How does the rescue from Egypt and a Savior coming from Egypt illustrate our salvation and deliverance? What significance do you see in the fact that among the first worshippers were Gentiles from Persia and that Jesus is out of Egypt, a Gentile nation? What does it mean that all can be saved? How does the message of Christmas give us faith in the promises of God?

Share any insights from your S.O.A.P. Bible reading this week; discuss any challenges that people may be having. Encourage one another in the journey.

Who’s your Neighbor? “As we go!”

Who are you praying for this year that God would impact with His love and that He would use you as a faithful witness? Pray for an opportunity to share your story.

Prayer

Pray that God will reveal Himself to you and give you a desire to seek Him.

Pray that God would manifest His presence, power, protection, and provision in your life today.

Pray that God would lead our church to impact our community for Christ.