

Application of “What Child is This?”

1. Mary and Joseph both humbly submitted to the Lord and His revelation to them. How humble are you to submit to what the Bible teaches, even when it opposes your view, requires you to give up that which you love or following it may mean you lose value in the world’s eyes?
2. The shepherds were so excited to meet Jesus they left their jobs to visit him and then told everyone they met about Jesus. These actions could have cost them their jobs, but they couldn’t contain the “good news.” Ask God for an excitement like these shepherds to tell others the good news of a Savior who has come to save people from sin, even if it’s uncomfortable & possibly to our worldly disadvantage.
3. The wise men travelled weeks (possibly months) to worship Jesus and present Him with gifts because they knew who He was. This would have been a costly and very long journey. Are there things you need to sacrifice in order to worship Jesus more wholeheartedly?
4. Furthermore, even though the wise men didn’t find Jesus at the palace, they were so confident of God’s revelation to them that they accepted Jesus as the king they were searching for, even though He was not growing up in a kingly-like environment. Do you have such confidence in God’s revelation through the Bible, even if it’s sometimes hard to see what God is doing? Ask God to help grow your faith in His Revelation given in the Bible
5. How does knowing Jesus completely fulfilled the destiny revealed to these many people at His birth give you confidence that Jesus’ future destiny to return and be king will also be completely fulfilled?
6. Reflect upon the OT prophesies and NT fulfillment of Christ e.g. 1) Gen 3:15/Gal 4:4-5; 2) Gen 12:3/Matt 1:1; 3) Gen 49:10/Luke 3:33; 4) Deut 18:15/Acts 3:20, 22; 5) Ps 2:7/Matt 3:17; 6) Is 7:14/Luke 1:26-27, 30-31; 7) Micah 5:2/Luke 2:4, 5, 7; 8) Is 9:1-2/Matt 4:13-16; 9) Hos 11:1/Matt 2:14-15; 10) Is 9:6-7/Luke 1:32-33

Reading this week: Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2

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(Matt 1-2; Luke 1-2)

God’s revelation of Jesus’ identity and destiny before He was born

God’s revelation of Jesus’ identity and destiny after He was born