

## LESSON 4

# INFANCY NARRATIVES OF JOHN & JESUS FROM LUKE'S GOSPEL

**B. THE BEGINNINGS: INFANCY OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER AND JESUS THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS AT THE JERUSALEM TEMPLE: Luke 1:5—2:39**

**CONCERNING LUKE, THE PHYSICIAN (COLOSSIANS 4:14), WHO EMPHASES MEDICAL DETAILS:**

*Circumcision on the 8<sup>th</sup> day; “swaddling clothes,” the “Good Samaritan”, “sweating” blood in the Garden, etc.*

### JESUS IS BORN

**Luke 2:1-5**

**1** In those days **Caesar Augustus** ordered that a census be taken of the whole world [for tax purposes]. **2** (This was the first census before [or, “while”] **Quirinius** was governing Syria.) **3** Everyone went to register, each to his own town.

**4** **Joseph** also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to David’s town in Judea, which is called *Bethlehem*, because he was one of the descendants of David, **5** to register with **Mary**, his fiancée (Lit.: “who was promised to him in marriage”), who was going to have a **child**.

### INTERJECTING MATTHEW 1:18-25

**18** This is how **Jesus Christ** was born.

When His mother **Mary** was engaged to **Joseph**, before they came together, she was found to have conceived [**the Child**] by the **Holy Spirit**. **19** **Joseph**, her husband, was an honorable man and did not want to disgrace her. So he decided to divorce/dismiss her secretly. **See Hahn, JW, pp. /Dedication page, Contents page, 73, 81.**

**20** After Joseph had thought about it, **an angel of the Lord** appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take your wife **Mary** home with you; for her **Child** is from the **Holy Spirit**. **21** She will have a son, and you will name **Him JESUS**, because **He** will save **His** people from their sins.” **22** All this happened so that what the **Lord** said through the prophet [**Isaiah**] would be fulfilled: **23** “Look! The **virgin** will conceive and have a **Son**, and they will name **Him Immanuel**,” which means “**God-With-Us**.”

**24** When Joseph awoke, he did what the **Lord’s** angel had commanded. He took his wife home with him **25** but did not have relations [sexual relations] with her until she had a **son**. And he named **Him JESUS**.

## Luke 2:6, 7

**6** Now while they were there, the time was fulfilled for her to have her **baby**, **7** and she gave birth to her **firstborn son**. She wrapped Him in **baby clothes** and laid Him in a **manger** because there was no room for them in the inn. **Cp. Micah 5:2 & Matthew 2:6.**

## THE SHEPHERDS

### Luke 2:8-20

**8** And there were **shepherds** living out in the countryside nearby. They were taking turns watching their flocks at night.

**9** Then **an angel of the Lord** appeared to them, and the GLORY of the Lord shone all around them. They were terrified. **10** “Stop being afraid,” the angel said to them, “for look, I have good news for you. A great joy will come to all the people, **11** because the **Savior**, who is **Christ the Lord** (cp. Acts 2:36), was born for you today in David’s town. **12** And this is how you will know Him: you will find an **Infant** wrapped in **baby clothes** and lying in a **manger**” [**a linen SIGN to be sure, and think: empty linen in the Easter tomb**].

**13** Suddenly there was with the angel **a large number of the heavenly army** who were praising **God** and saying:

**14** “**GLORY** to **God** in the highest heavens (known as the “*Gloria in Excelsis*”) and on earth peace to those who have **His** favor/good will!”

**15** When the angels had left them and gone to heaven, the shepherds repeatedly said to one another, “The **Lord** has told us what has happened. Let’s go to Bethlehem and see it.” **16** Then they came in a hurry and found Mary and Joseph, and the **Baby** lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen Him, they told others what they had been told about this **Child**. **18** And everyone was surprised to hear the story that the shepherds told. **Quote Just, Jr. Luke 1:1—9:5. pp. 107 & 108.**

**19** But Mary treasured all these things in her heart and kept thinking/pondering about them.

**20** The shepherds went back, **glorifying** and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It was just as they had been told.

## IN THE BETHLEHEM SYNAGOGUE—Christ’s “Active Obedience” & His “Passive Obedience.”

### Luke 2:21-39

**21** On the eighth day when the time was fulfilled to **circumcise** the **Child**, He was named **JESUS**, the Name the angel had given Him before He was conceived in the womb.