



Lesson 8

Christ – His Birth and Life

Key Verse:

“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” *Luke 2:11*

Key Words:

-census

-Messiah

-Immanuel

-Christ

-Manger

-disciple

-parable

-sow

Key Points:

- the coming of Christ into the world was foretold in the Old Testament (read Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2)

- a young woman Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph. An angel of God told her and Joseph that Mary would have a son by the Holy Spirit – Joseph would not be the father. (read Matthew 1:20-23)

- Joseph and Mary go up to Bethlehem for the census. Mary is soon to give birth. Bethlehem is full of people, and there is no room for them in any of the hotels (or inns). One innkeeper allows them to camp out in the stables with the animals. Mary gives birth to Jesus there in the stables, and lays him in a manger. Shepherds nearby receive a visit from angels, telling them that the Messiah has been born, and so they go to see him. (Read Luke 2:1-20)

- Jesus grew up, and when he was 30 years old, he chose 12 disciples and travelled around the country healing people from all kinds of diseases, and teaching them about the Kingdom of God. (Read Mark 1:14-20, 32-34)

- Jesus used illustrations, called parables, to explain spiritual truths. For example, he talked about a farmer planting seeds on different kinds of ground, as an illustration of

how different types of people respond differently when they hear the word of God (read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

Questions:

1. Why was Mary's baby to be called Jesus?
2. How was his coming into the world different from every other human being?
3. What are the names of the disciples of Jesus?
4. What are the four types of soil in the parable of the sower and the seed? What types of people do the four soils represent?
5. Why do you think Jesus was able to do miracles like healing people from disease?