

Title: Celebrating the Birth of Jesus Christ

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I want to glorify the Lord. We are going to talk about celebrating and remembering Jesus's birth.

Matthew 24:35 NKJV

He says, "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." We believe the Word of God, amen. Every word that God has spoken, written, breathed, sang, and has proclaimed from the beginning, shall be fulfilled. His Word is truth. Jesus said, "Thy word is truth," and the Spirit of Truth is the one that reveals the Lord to us. When we read the Word, the Holy Spirit is the one that will illuminate and bring revelation and understanding to what we are reading. Because, the whole goal is to behold our God. To know the love that God has for us, and to believe, receive, and encounter that love. We believe that we were born to encounter the Lord and His presence. Jesus said, "Abide with me, remain in me, and my word, and you will bear much fruit.

John 15

We are supposed to dwell in His words, His Spirit, and His life. "Heaven and Earth will pass away, but His words will never pass away." "Every word of God is yes, and amen," the scripture says, hallelujah!

I'm going to review a little from the Old Testament prophecies of the birth of Jesus Christ. In the middle of this, there is a portion of it that will be revealed in the Scriptures from Luke chapter one that we will be referring to today.

II Samuel 7:8-16 NKJV

You know that the Lord came through Mary's bloodline from the father David, and these prophecies were spoken to him. The Kingdom would come to the Earth through David's lineage. Even at this time it is referred, "*And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.*" Your house, your kingdom, your throne, amen.

Isaiah 7:13-14

This scripture of Christ points to the manner in which He will be born, and also to one of the names given to Christ, "Immanuel," which means God with us. This was pointing to both His human birth and His divine nature, and was written over 700 years before Christ was born. Hallelujah!

Micah 5:2

We know Jesus was born in Bethlehem and this scripture tells us in advance, the place where Jesus would be born. This prophecy was fulfilled, but was written by Micah approximately 800 years before Christ was born. Say, "He is!" Hallelujah!

Hosea 11:1

This prophecy was written by Hosea, also approximately 800 years before Christ was born. This verse looks backward and forward. Remember, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt when God brought them out. He called them His son. Also, remember that Joseph with Mary fled to Egypt with the baby Jesus to avoid the slaughter by Herod. This verse can apply to both of these situations, however, it is referred to by Matthew in his writings that, "God called Him out

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of Egypt, the One He loves.” God's word will not return void. It is amazing *there are* all these prophecies. You can doubt if you want to, but it is better to believe. Amen.

As we share and as we read through the Scripture references of His story, of the memory and the testimony of Jesus, it is not a weak, timid, little Christmas story. It is the very power of God, and the demonstration of the love of God. Heaven invading Earth *is* God's mandate and plan. His foreknowledge, His great wisdom, and His love, was that He would send His only Son to save us. He had to start. He had to come forth. He had to come forth through Mary, hallelujah. In this comes the glory and the power of God. So, as we read these passages, please let your spirit man know and receive the goodness of God and how good God is. How powerful these prophecies are. How powerful is this Word, that we have the opportunity to have a written documentation of what really occurred with Christ, amen.

Luke 1:26-31

Now, you will see the prophecy from the book of Samuel *fulfilled*.

Luke 1:32-45

Luke 1:46-56

This is called the song of Mary.

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 2:1-20

Amen! This is the glory of God being revealed to the sons of men, to the promised “seed of Abraham, to the promised One, even in the Promised Land,” to bring the Word of God, Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, to save us. The supernatural essence of this is that God chose to bring Heaven to Earth. He chose to come to save us. He chose to come in such a humble way. The King of Glory, chose to come in such a humble way. But, there is so much glory. There is so much glory in each and every person that Heaven touched and spoke to.

From Zacharias and Elizabeth through the birth and the special anointing that came to conceive John the Baptist. Then there is a baptism in the Holy Ghost in John while in her womb and he is filled with Him. When Mary walks towards him holding in her womb the Word of God. The Word of God just came near Elizabeth with John in her, and she was immersed and baptized in Holy Spirit and fire. John was leaping for joy in the womb.

Hallelujah, life is in the womb! God cares, God sees, and God does miracles, signs and wonders. Why did He choose to do it this way? Because, He is God and He is awesome. We should marvel. We should be so amazed at the goodness of God in the land of the living, that this was the beginning. The One we sang over and on behalf of this morning. We are magnifying Jesus.

We love the holiday of Christmas. We love giving, sharing and celebrating with our families, but we know that the purpose of it all is to glorify the living Christ. We recognize that He is with us, and He will be with us to the end. I just quoted a few prophetic promises from Scripture. Some were even recognized through them that “this was spoken of by the Prophet.” They knew the prophets.

How much more all the prophecies that shall be fulfilled at His second coming. You see what a glorious promise that is, and then it goes on to eternal reign with Him. He is going to come back and fulfill scripture. He is going to be on the dirt. He is going to rule from the Kingdom, the Throne, and the House. He is. The throne is eternal. God cannot lie.

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He has invited us, as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, to join His household. We have been grafted in through faith and through the blood of Jesus, beloved. Israel shall live forever. He will rule and reign forever from Israel. The nations will know that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Beloved, what a miraculous, glorious testimony that gives us hope. It is so supernatural that some would not believe, but we believe. We believe and we are receiving the freedom that He promised to give us.

It is quoted in scripture that He told His disciples, "Go and preach that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Go save, heal, deliver, cast out demons, raise the dead, and cleanse lepers. Freely you have received, now freely give until the end of the age." He said, "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Lo, I'm with you always, even to the end of the age." This was His dominion and His commission to the Church.

We have such hope, and we start so humble in our lowly beginnings. How we are first born again from above, because that seed comes into our heart, and we are born again. The Word of God is implanted in our souls. The Scripture says, "We are transported out of darkness into light and into the Kingdom of Heaven." We carry Heaven everywhere we go. We carry the atmosphere of Heaven everywhere we go. Heaven is here. He is here. He is manifesting that Heaven.

He is very serious *that* all believers know that Heaven is manifesting now. We are called to carry the glory of the Lord to the lost. Heal the sick, and help set at liberty those held captive. Whatever He has done for us, we have a testimony, beloved, to set others free. If you are in the wait for that miracle, if you are in the wait for that glory, or if you are in the wait for the truth that you are longing to see, be encouraged. "God is not a man that He should lie."

Let's stand up and give Him all the glory, honor and praise due His name. I pray that you would meditate on these words for the next couple of weeks with your family. Share these Words of Life. Not everybody knows this. Not everybody knows these things. Do not take for granted that people know this. All they may know is Rudolph, the red nosed reindeer. So, don't presume that people know this. Be free to share this story. Let's believe God, amen!

Father God, we thank you that we can come and celebrate and worship before you, as we celebrate your Word to bring forth your Son. The One who came to save us from our sins, empower us and fill us with Holy Spirit. That you would call us sons and daughters of God. Thank You, Lord, that we have been grafted in. We are children of God, and the beautiful Bride of Jesus. Wow! Thank you! We are carriers of Holy Ghost, who is Lord of Liberty now. We pray God that you would encourage and strengthen the fainthearted, heal the brokenhearted, and heal the bodies in need. Restore God, restore, restore and renew. Make new in our hearts and minds the Kingdom of Heaven. To the end, may we be found faithful with your witness, God, to put our boast in the living God. Shepherds were just running around testifying of what they saw. Oh my, God, "you are not a man that you should lie." We stand in wonder of you, Lord. We receive your blessing today, Lord. We receive your fresh anointing today, Lord. Thank you for encouraging us and strengthening us. We pray that you would be with us this next couple of weeks. Hold us close to your heart. May we never forget. In Jesus's mighty name, amen. Hallelujah. Bless you.