

JESUS ! A SAVIOR IS BORN

LUKE 2:1-14 (ESP. VS 7)

Introduction

1. Many may be surprised to hear a sermon on the birth of Jesus in August. 4 months until holidays.
2. There are some who think that we should almost ignore the birth of Jesus because the Bible doesn't teach to celebrate it as a holiday.
3. Both extremes are erroneous.

Discussion

I. Jesus birth was the fulfillment of prophecy and the answer to prayer.

A. The fulfillment of prophecy

1. Genesis 3:15 c.f. Matthew 27:35 & 28:1
2. Isaiah 7:14 c.f. Matthew 1:23
2. Micah 5:2-4 c.f. Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4
4. Isaiah 9:6 wonderful, counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace,

B. An answer to prayer

1. generally
 - a. for delivery from the Romans
 - b. for a restoration of Israel
2. specifically (Simeon 2:25; Anna 2:36)

II. Jesus birth was an indicator of His coming life.

A. Humility, almost humiliation c.f. Luke 2:7; Psalm 22:18; Matt 27:35; Mark 15:24; John 19:23

1. a borrowed manager
2. a borrowed donkey would bring Him triumphantly into Jerusalem
3. a borrowed tomb would not hold Him long.

B. Upheaval and stress

III. Jesus' birth was an expression of God's love.

A. A "ruler" and a "shepherd"

1. each shows differing qualities
2. Like David 2 Samuel 5:2 "you shall shep. My people Israel and be ruler over Israel

B. The "incarnate" John 1:14 (Word became flesh c.f. John 1:1,2); Galatians 4:4-7

1. Like an employer/super. Coming to work with the staff
2. Luke 20:9ff parable of a man sending to gather fruit of his vineyard
3. Philippians 2:6