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Sunday, December 9, 2012

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The biblical story of Christmas is familiar to most people but sometimes we miss key parts of the story. Today we will visit again the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

1. Joseph has no _____.
2. Mary is a _____.
3. After the angels made their announcement to the shepherds, they _____.
4. There is _____ in this story.
5. _____ is not sufficient.
6. The _____ stumbles at this story.
7. The gold from the Magi had a _____.
8. Notice the crossing of _____ in this story.
9. Telling the story is a _____.
10. Jesus did _____ in His boyhood.

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“And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7, NASB).

“A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14, KJV).

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6, KJV).

“But as for you, Bethlehem...from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel” (Micah 5:2, NASB).

1. Joseph has no speaking lines.

“Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife” (Matthew 1:20, NASB).

2. Mary is a deep thinker.

“His mother treasured all these things in her heart” (Luke 2:51, NASB).

3. After the angels made their announcement to the shepherds, they did not command them to do anything.

“This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger” (Luke 2:12, NASB).

4. There is great intrigue in this story.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness,

against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12, NASB).

5. Head knowledge is not sufficient.

6. The prosperity gospel stumbles at this story.

7. The gold from the Magi had a very practical purpose.

8. Notice the crossing of human lines and barriers in this story.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, NIV).

9. Telling the story is a privilege.

“‘How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years.’ The angel answered and said to him, ‘I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time’” (Luke 1:18-20, NASB).

“He went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around” (Mark 1:41, NASB).

“Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone” (Mark 16:15, NCV).

“Go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been” (Mark 5:19, NLT).

10. Jesus did no miracles in His boyhood.

“Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?” (Mark 5:2-3, NASB).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it...There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name” (John 1:1-5, 9-12, NASB).