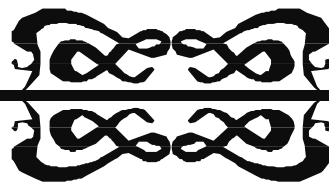


Jesus, The Messiah

The Complete Story

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Try picking up a good long novel, and opening up the book two-thirds of the way into it. Begin reading there, but only read about 100 pages. Then close the book and try to tell the complete story, which covers approximately 2,000 pages in the whole.

Could you do that?

Would you stop there?

Or (if it was a particularly good story, and even perhaps involved you personally), wouldn't you want to go back into the beginning of the novel and see where the story began? Wouldn't you want to know the why and how-comes of it all?

But in reality, in the telling of *this particular Story*, most people seem happy enough just to know that there was a Son

- Born to a virgin
- Born on a cold night in Bethlehem
- Born in a town where there was no room in the inn
- About Whom the angels sung to some few shepherds
- Whom the shepherds made haste to find.

Never mind that this birth had so long ago been prophesied in Ancient Manuscripts. Never mind that most of the facts of which people are annually reminded are found in prophetic statements made hundreds, even thousands of years prior to the events which are celebrated year after year.

Perhaps there are some few people who know of events beyond the story of His birth. Perhaps there are some who know that while His birth had so long been prophesied, His death had also been prophesied in the same Ancient Manuscripts so long ago. And that this death was to be a murderous act at the hands of the very ones to whom He came.

Yet lingering questions beg for answers:

- Why did Jesus *have to come* to the earth?
- Why did He *have to be born to a virgin*?
- Why did He *have to die*?

Even further questions:

- Is He really coming again?
- How will He come?
- How do we know?

Will you go back to the beginning of the story and see if you can find the answers to these questions within the passages found on the pages of the Ancient Book? Will you look at the full scope of the story of JESUS, THE MESSIAH through this five week study? I invite you and challenge you to do that.

Welcome!

Cindy

Notes from Introductory Lecture

