

Series: You Asked For It!

Title: Why December 25th?

Who Is He? (The Babe in the Manger)

Text: (Lk 2:1-11)(Acts 2:36)

The Bible doesn't mention his exact birthday.

I. A Specific Time: God's Season: (Gal 4:4-5)

The birth of Christ is a significant Bible Event:

A. The Jews were given the # of the years to know when Christ would come, but they weren't watching.
Daniels 70 weeks: (Dan 9:25-26)

B. **A Specific set of Circumstances:** (Is 7:14)

C. **A Specific Place:** (Micah 5:2)

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D. It is a Cultural observance:

The Inhabitants of Jerusalem Asked: (Matt 21:10)

The Scribes and Pharisees Asked: (Lk 5:21)

King Herod Asked: (Matt 14:1-2)

Simon Asked: (Lk 7:49)

II. A Specific Term: God's Son:

A. Command given to Joseph: (Matt 1:21)

Jesus: Grk = Heb. Joshua ~ *Jehovah is Salvation*

B. The Angels to the Shepherds: (Lk 2:10-11)

III. A Specific Title: God's Salvation: (Lk 2:11)

A. NT "*Christ*" = Heb title "*Messiah*" (Jn 1:41)

B. Christ & Messiah ~ "*Anointed One*"

1. OT Kings & Priests were anointed to their office as a Type of Christ.

2. Christ is Our High Priest: (Heb 4:14-16)

3. Christ is Our King:

(Rev 19:16) *King of Kings & Lord of Lords*

C. The Babe in the Manger is Anointed of God to be Savior of the world.

D. 2- OT Words for This Devine Being:

1. Elohim ~ God (Strength)

2. Jehovah ~ LORD (The One True God)

3. Jesus, Himself IS God:

a. Testimony of Jesus: (Jn 8:24,28; Rev 1:18)

b. Testimony of Divine Scripture: (Is 9:6).

c. Immanuel~ God With Us: (Is 7:14)

E. This Babe, Lying in Bethlehem's Manger is God

IV. A Specific Task: God's Sacrifice:

A. **Angels:** (Lk 2:8-14) *Vs 11 (Savior)

B. **Gabriel:** (Lk 1:32-33) (Rule & Reign)

C. **Simeon:** (Lk 2:25-32) *Vs 30 (Salvation)

D. **Anna:** (Lk 2:36-38) *Vs 38 (Redemption)

V. No Specific Day: God's Sovereignty:

(Rom 14:4-5) We are not to judge.

VI. Jesus Asks You, Who Is He? (Matt 16:13-16)

Pilot Asks the same Question: (Matt 27:22)

Liar: *He claimed He was the Messiah, but He knew He wasn't.*

The Jews thought He was trying to take advantage of the current political climate! (A political Opportunist)

(Jn 11:47-48)

(Matt 13:54-58) (Carpenter's Son)

(John 7:41, 1:46) No Prophet from Galilee!

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The Atheists Believe: (John 8:53-58)

It is a claim to be Yahweh of the OT: (Vs 59)

(John 10:30-33) They understood His claim to Be.

(Mark 3:20-21) He is beside himself!

(John 19:9) Pilate asks. "*Whence are Thou?*"

(John 3:2) *Nicodemus-*

Liar, Lunatic, or Lord: (John 13:13)

The works bear Witness of His Diety!

(John 10:25)