

FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH: THE STORY OF CHRIST'S COMING

BIRTHING THE BABY

PROVERBS 21:1; DANIEL 4:35; LUKE 2:1-7



The Heart of the Matter

Celebrities often travel with hundreds of attendants, an entire wardrobe, and luxury amenities. The media announce celebrity visits months ahead, and people clamor to catch a glimpse or get autographs. Rarely do the rich and famous make appearances in their sweats, with no makeup, or with a desire to talk with normal folks about normal things.

How much more did the God of the universe deserve fanfare at His coming!

But Christ didn't arrive with the flare of trumpets or with flags flying. He didn't demand an announcement for the whole world to hear, though He deserved it. Jesus arrived in the most humble way possible—as a baby.

Take some time to reflect on the nature of Jesus Christ's incarnation—born to a peasant girl in a smelly barn in an obscure town and worshiped by a few people. This humble story reveals the character of our Messiah, who humbled Himself to save the people He loved.



Discovering the Way

1. When God Steps into Our World, It Is Usually Sudden and Always Surprising

Even though the prophets foretold the coming Messiah, He didn't come with fanfare. The angels announced to a few humble shepherds the birth of Jesus.

2. The Baby Born in Bethlehem (Proverbs 21:1; Daniel 4:35; Luke 2:1-7)

God sovereignly worked through a pagan king to get Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, the prophesied birthplace of the Messiah.



Starting Your Journey

God may not sound the trumpet in your life and stop you in your tracks to get your attention. Realize that Jesus walked into our world on the first Christmas, and He wants to walk into your life today. Make sure there is room in your heart for Him.



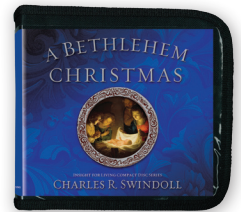
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