

WHAT IS IT ABOUT A BABY?

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353,000 babies born each day

255 births globally per minute

4.3 births every second

Luke 2:4-7 (NKJV)

**⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,
⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.**

Luke 2:4-7 (NKJV)

⁶ So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.







I. WHY A BABY?

The Pharisees

- **Provided the rules**
- **The Talmud**
- **The Book**

The Pharisees

- **365 Negative Commandments**
- **250 Positive Commandments**

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***Just keep these 600 rules
and you will be fine!***

We needed Someone

- ***Like ourselves***
- ***Someone Who could become our High Priest***

John MacArthur

Grace to You

...the birth of Jesus Christ was the most cataclysmic event in the history of the world.

...it was so obvious to the world that this was the high point of human history that they made it the very crossroads of time and everything before it was B.C. and everything after it was A.D., the year of our Lord.

***Renan the French atheist said,
"Whatever may be the surprises of
the future, Jesus will never be
surpassed..."***

***Napoleon said, "I know men and I tell
you that Jesus Christ is no mere man.
Between Him and every other man in
the world there is no possible
comparison."***

II. GOD COMES TO YOU

Luke 2:8-14 NKJV

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Luke 2:8-14 NKJV

10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

Luke 2:8-14 NKJV

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

**The NIV's *“on earth peace to men
on whom His favor rests”***

***Luke 2:14 (MSG) ^{14b}... Peace to all
men and women on earth who
please him.***

God *Initiates!*

Romans 5:8-10 (NLT)

8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. 9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

God *Initiates!*

Romans 5:8-10 (NLT)

¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

**III. SEE HIM, THEN SPREAD
THE GOOD NEWS!**

Luke 2:15-20 NKJV

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:15-20 NKJV

17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luke 2:15-20 NKJV

19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

1 John 1:3 (NKJV)

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

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John 3:16 (NLT) ¹⁶ “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.