

Life of Jesus
Pre-Existence and Birth of Jesus
John 1:1-18, Matthew 1, Luke 1:26-56, Luke 2

1. Announcement to Zecharias: Forerunner is here! Luke 1:1-25

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- They had no children; Elizabeth barren. They were old—over 60.
- Gabriel appears to the right of the Altar of Incense: Your prayer has been heard!
- Elizabeth will bear a son: John.
- Nazirite from birth. Filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb.
- Will be the forerunner in the spirit of Elijah. (Malachi 3-4 prophecy)
- Prepare the way of the Lord.
- Zacharias returns home when his Temple duty is over.

2. Announcement to Mary . Luke 1:26-56

- “The Lord is with you.”
- You will conceive, bear a son, name him Jesus. (Yeshua)
- Called SON OF THE MOST HIGH.
- He will receive throne of David, have an everlasting kingdom.
- How? The Holy Spirit will overshadow you. For that reason=holy child will be called Son of God. (Elizabeth is a sign. “Nothing is impossible with God.”
- Mary goes to visit Elizabeth and then goes back to Nazareth after 3 months.

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3. Announcement to Joseph. Matthew 1:18-25

- Mary is 3-4 months pregnant and has been in Judean hill country with Elizabeth.
- Joseph is a righteous man.
- Child is conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- She will bear a son; name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.
- Joseph takes Mary as his wife and doesn't divorce her.

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4. Announcement to Shepherds. Luke 2:1-20

- “In those days...”
- Shepherds were keeping watch: Temple sheep. Rabbis taught that Messiah would be announced from Shepherd's watchtower.
- “A SAVIOR, who is Christ, the LORD.”
- Baby, wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger.



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5. Announcement by Simeon. Luke 2:21-39

- Eight days: In the Temple to give him the name Jesus and redeem him with a pair of doves.
- Simeon has been promised he will see the Messiah.
- “My eyes have seen your SALVATION: LIGHT for the Gentiles.”

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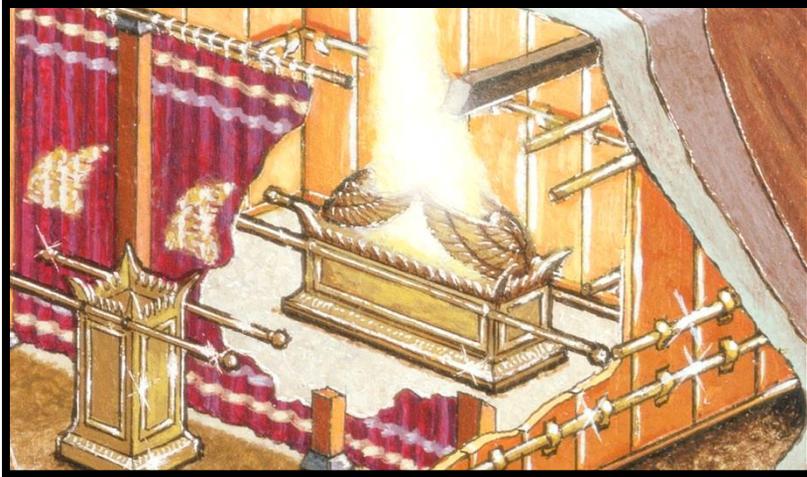
6. **Explained by John.**

“In the beginning was the Word”—his eternality
“and the word was with God”—his personality
“and the word was...GOD!”—his deity

(Dr. Terry C. Hulbert)

- Was=Eternal existence
- Became-initiation of existence

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt (shakhan) among us
And we beheld His glory (shekinah) the glory as of the Only Begotten full of grace and truth.”



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“Shekinah” form the Hebrew shakhan = “dwelling, presence,” i.e., of God, was used as a synonym for “glory” in Hebrew literature.

The use of “glory” in association with “dwell,” provides a strong affirmation of the deity of Jesus: “The Shekinah” was a term used by the rabbis for God.

The eternal, creator God has entered the human race to save people from their sins and His name is JESUS .



Memory verses:

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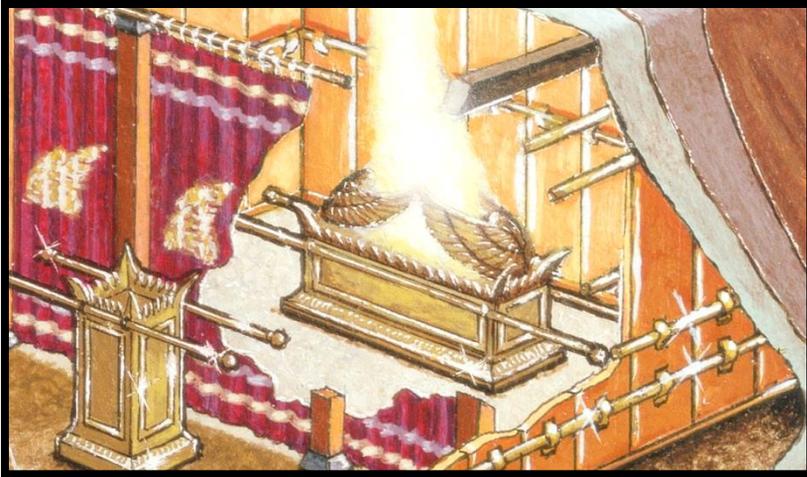
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