

January 9–15
Matthew 2; Luke 2
We Have Come to Worship Him



Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

What do we learn about the birth of Jesus from these verses?

Orson Pratt

"He came in a very meek and humble manner; his birth and advent into this world were in the most humble position. Born, as it were, in a stable, laid down in a manger. Not born in king's palace—not born among the great and noble, but in a very obscure manner. He grew up from infancy to manhood engaged in the carpenter's business.... Nothing characterizing him as the Great Creator of this world, or as its Redeemer, only to those who were well acquainted with the predictions of the Prophets." (JD, 15:53)

Sterling W. Sill

“It should stimulate us to remember that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem there was no room found for him in the inn. But there is a strange foreboding in this thought. 'No room' was the Master's experience throughout his life. There was 'no room' for his doctrines, 'no room' for the spirit of his mission. We must not allow history to repeat itself because we make no room in our country or our lives for the Savior of the world.” (CR, April 1959)

Testimonies of the Divinity of Jesus

Luke 2:8-20

What do the angels testify about Jesus?

What was the testimony of the shepherds?

Thomas S. Monson

"Then came that night of nights when the angel of the Lord came upon shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock, with the pronouncement: 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.'

"Thus personally invited to undertake a search for the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger, did these shepherds concern themselves with the security of their possessions? Did they procrastinate their search for Jesus? The record affirms that the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem... And they came with haste.'"

(CR, Oct. 1965)

Testimonies of the Divinity of Jesus

Luke 2:25-33

What was the testimony of Simon?

How did Simon know he would see the Lord before he died and how did it come about that he was at the temple that day?

Reuben Clark, Jr

“There came into the temple, at that time, one Simeon, to whom the Holy Ghost had revealed that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord, Christ when he came into the temple and saw the infant Jesus, he took, 'him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said... mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.' Thus to him came a testimony.” (CR, April 1946)

Testimonies of the Divinity of Jesus

Luke 2:36-38

What did Anna do after she received the witness that Jesus was the Christ?

Dallin H. Oaks

"Joseph and Mary brought the infant Jesus to the temple at Jerusalem after forty days to present him to the Lord. There, two aged and spiritual temple workers received a witness of his identity and testified of him. Simeon, who had known by revelation from the Holy Ghost that he should not taste of death until he had seen the Messiah, took the infant in his arms and testified to his divine mission. Anna, whom the scripture called 'a prophetess' recognized the Messiah 'and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.'

"Anna and Simeon were eyewitnesses to the infant.... Their knowledge of his divine mission came through the witness of the Holy Ghost. 'The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy' (Rev 19:10.) Therefore, we can properly say that when each received this witness, Simeon was a prophet and Anna was a prophetess. Each then fulfilled the prophetic duty to testify to those around them." (CR, Oct. 1990)

Testimonies of the Divinity of Jesus

Matt 2:1-12

What did the Wise Men know about the child they were seeking?

Bruce R. McConkie

“It would appear [the Wise Men] were true prophets, righteous persons like Simeon, Anna, and the shepherds, to whom Deity revealed that the promised Messiah had been born among men. Obviously they were in possession of ancient prophecies telling of the rise of a new star at his birth. That they did receive revelation for their personal guidance is seen from the inspired dream in which they were warned not to return to Herod after they had found and worshiped the Son of Mary.” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 1:103)

N. Eldon Tanner

"[The Wise Men] expected a new star. This was because ancient prophets had foretold the signs that would appear. Those who had read of the prophecies were prepared for these signs when they came, and what a thrilling thing it is to know, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, that the wise men from the east followed the star to the place of his birth, and as they came to Jerusalem they asked: 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.' They were instructed to go to Bethlehem, where he would be born, as prophesied by Micah the prophet. When they arrived at Bethlehem, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshiped him." (CR, Oct. 1964)

James E. Talmage

“It will be observed that the testimonies concerning the birth of the Messiah are from two extremes, the lowly shepherds in the Judean field, and the learned magi from the far east....

“There were classes of people among the Jews whom these lowly shepherd witnesses could not reach, and had they been able to reach them, the story of the angel's visit, and the concourse of angels singing the magnificent song of Peace on earth, good will to men would doubtless have been accounted an idle tale of superstitious folk, deceived by their own over-wrought imaginations or idle dreams. Hence God raised up another class of witnesses—the wise men from the east—witnesses that could enter the royal palace of proud King Herod and boldly ask: Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (Jesus the Christ, pg. 108-109)

Testimonies of the Divinity of Jesus

Luke 2:41-51

How do these verses testify of Jesus' divinity?

Eldred G. Smith

"He declared who he was. Throughout his life on earth, he repeatedly declared that he was the Son of God. At the age of twelve, he was found 'in the temple' conversing with the 'doctors.' In answer to his mother's reproof, he said, 'Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?'" (CR, April 1976)

James E. Talmage

“[Mary’s] Son's response had brought anew to her mind the truth that Joseph was not the Boy's father. She appears to have been astonished that One so young should so thoroughly understand His position with respect to herself. He had made plain to her the inadvertent inaccuracy of her words; His Father had not been seeking Him; for was He not even at that moment in His Father's house, and particularly engaged in His Father's business, the very work to which His Father had appointed Him? (Jesus the Christ, pg. 108)

Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

Matt 2:13-18

What two prophecies are mentioned in these verses?

Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled

Matt 2:19-23

What prophecy mentioned in these verses?

Next Week:

January 16–22

John 1

We Have Found the Messiah

