

Ensure fellowship with God through 1 John 1:9

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Luke 2:6-20

(6) While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

We've already noticed:

- God used the decree of an unbeliever – Caesar Augustus – to maneuver Joseph & Mary to Bethlehem.
- They returned to Bethlehem, the City of David, because they were both descendents of David and this was the requirement for the ordered census.
- Micah's prophesy in 8th Century BC stated that the promised Messiah would actually deploy from eternity into time at the city of Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2

(2) "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His **goings forth**...

"Goings forth" - מוצאה

MOTSAH – "place of deployment" or "goings forth".

...are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

Jesus Christ's deployment into History -
Point of origin – eternity
Point of embarkation - Bethlehem

Hebrews 10:4-9

(4) For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

(5) Therefore, **when He comes** into the world, He says...

"Comes" - εισέρχομαι

EISERCHOMAI – "To come into or to enter"

"World" - κόσμος

KOSMOS – "World" Denotes the place of embarkation

"Saying" - λέγω

LEGO – "Saying"

Corrected **"Therefore, when He is deploying into the world, He is saying..."** [The eternal Son of God speaking to the first person of the Trinity, God the Father – from His point of origin, saying]

..."SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

(6) **IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.**

- A temporary incomplete propitiation by the sacrifices made for sin under the Mosaic Law.
- Merely a temporary satisfaction – and God looked forward to a time when sins would be imputed to His Son on the cross as the Sacrificial Passover Lamb.

(7) "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"

So, all of that was said from the eternal **MOTSAH** – Point of Origin - when Mary was in labor before she had actually given birth.

(8) After saying above...

“**Above**” - ἀνώτερος

ANOTEROS – “Higher in place”

***Above** – in the presence of the Father from the eternal MOTSAH*

"SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law),

After He left His eternal MOTSAH and arrived at His point embarkation – tantamount to becoming the God-Man...

(9) then He said (spoke in His Deity), "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL."...

Luke 2:6-20

(6) While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

(7) And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she **wrapped Him in cloths...**

“**Wrapped Him in cloths**” - σπαργανόω

SPARGANOO – “To wrap with cloth strips”

...and laid Him in a **manger...**

“**Manger**” - φάτνη

PHATNE – “A feed trough”

▪ **Note that Mary was industrious – she made due with what she had!**

...because there was no room for them in the **inn.**

“**Inn**” - κατάλυμα

KATALUMA – “An Inn”

Not a very glorious birth. Yet there are some things very glorious about it –

- The announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to Zacharias and Mary.
- Angelic announcement following -

(8) In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

(9) And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone

- An extremely meager entry into the world.
- He was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
- The Commander of the Heavenly Hosts, the Lord of SABOTH (the armies).
- Born to a very Spartan like environment.
- Not surrounded with material blessing that a wealthy family would have bestowed upon Him

It was the job of a shepherd to tend these flocks paying particular attention to the evening hours when wolves or other predators would normally prey upon sheep.

While not frightened about many things, they were “terribly frightened” at the appearance of this angel.

around them; and they were terribly frightened.

(10) But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

Interesting how in the majority of angelic appearances strike fear in men and the angel always says "do not be afraid"

(11) for today in the city of David there has been born for you a **Savior**, who is **Christ** the **Lord**.

(12) "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

(13) And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

(14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

(15) When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

The shepherds recognized the divine origin of the message.

The appearance of one angel, the glory of God and then an angelic army – a wonderful announcement by the angels who the Lord Jesus Christ commanded.

The shepherds are excited about it – they know the divine origin – so they to Bethlehem.

(16) So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

(17) When they had seen this, **they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.**

(18) And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

(19) But Mary **treasured...**

- When the shepherds arrived at the manger a marvelous conversation between Joseph, Mary and the shepherds occurs.
- The shepherds are the first evangelists – taking the message of Christ to the people- "The Messiah has come".

"Treasured" - συντηρέω

SUNTEREO – "was treasuring" (*over and over again*).

...all these **things...**"

"Things" - ῥήμα

HREMA – "Things that were said" (Mary was treasuring all that was told to her by the shepherds)

...pondering them in her heart.

Corrected to read - "Mary was treasuring all the things said [committing them to memory] by pondering them in her heart."

(20) The shepherds went back; glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

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