**Gospels – Introduction of the King**

# Introduction to the Four Gospels.

# The Introduction of the King.

## Arrival of the King.

## His Birth.

### Announcement of two miraculous births, Luke 1:1-80.

### Announced to Joseph, Matt 1:18-25.

### Announced to shepherds, Luke 2:1-20.

## His Infancy and Childhood.

### His Circumcision, Luke 2:21. The regulations followed by Mary and Joseph are in Lev 12:1-8.

### His Consecration as Firstborn, Luke 2:22-38.

#### V23, to what does dedicating the firstborn remind Jews in Ex 13:11-16?

#### V24, why do they only offer a pair of birds? Keep in mind that the Magi have not visited yet.

#### Vv 25-35, meeting with Simeon.

##### The Lord put these people in place for the young couple.

##### Why would Mary’s heart be “pierced as with a sword”?

##### Would you want to know the future trials of your newborn?

#### Vv36-38, meeting with Anna.

##### The tribe of Asher has no great warriors (no Judges; no kings) described in their history.

##### What does this meeting say about the purpose of widows?

##### What has Anna been doing and what does Anna do?

### His Infancy

#### In Bethlehem, Matt 2:1-12.

##### Notice this does not take place on Jesus’ birthday, v1.

##### The Magi apparently had connections with the large Jewish population which remained in Babylon/Persia after the captivity of those like Daniel and Esther and remained after a few returned to Judea to rebuild the temple.

##### Why would the Magi go to Jerusalem?

##### How did they know where He would be born, v6? Micah 5:2.

##### What type of comparison is Matthew making between the Gentile magi and the Jewish priests?

##### Notice Mary and Joseph were in a “house” not an inn, v11.

##### The gifts:

###### Gold – Kingly recognition.

###### Frankincense – pleasing increase (God is pleased with Christ).

###### Myrrh – a burial oil, used for embalming (Jesus’ purpose).

#### In Egypt, Matt 2:13-18.

##### Being poor, how would this family have the funds for an extended trip to Egypt?

##### Notice again, Joseph does not speak, but only acts, v14.

##### This quotation (v15) is from Hosea 11:1 and not the book of Exodus, because it addresses a “Second Exodus.”

##### Herod is increasingly unstable. He has killed one wife and two of his own children, why not a few more children to protect his throne?

#### In Nazareth, Matt 2:19-23.

##### Archelaus may have been insane. He replaces the High Priest of the Jews with his own brother, Eleazer. He also slaughters 3,000 at Passover. He is so hated by the Jews that the Jews petition Rome to have him removed in 10 AD. For the 20-25 years prior to the Cross, Judea is ruled by a Roman governor while the surrounding territories are still ruled by Herods.

##### Probably from Hebrew, netzer, meaning “branch,” Jer 23:5-6, Isa 11:1-5.

##### Also, the popular commentary, “can anything good come out of Nazareth,” from Nathanael, John 1:46.

### His Boyhood, Luke 2:39-52.

#### At 12, He becomes a “son of the law,” and responsible for his own spiritual life. Therefore, He engages in the festival discussions at the Temple.

#### The mix-up: women travelled together, and men travelled together.

#### He submitted to his parents’ authority, v51.

#### Joseph is no longer mentioned in Jesus’ story.

## Ambassador of the King.

### The Message of the Herald,

#### Luke 3:1-6.

##### Luke mentions seven names to pinpoint when John’s ministry began.

##### Quotation from Isa 40:3-5.

#### Matt 3:1-6.

##### Matt abbreviates the quotation for his Jewish audience.

##### Matt describes the oddities of a Jewish prophet.

#### Mark 1:1-6.

##### In v2, Mark adds a quote from Mal 3:1.

##### Mark has three witnesses:

###### Malachi 3:1 – OT Minor prophets.

###### Isa 40:3 – OT Major prophets.

###### John – the NT prophet.

##### How was the prosperity of the land described when Joshua entered the land, Num 14:8? Compare that with the prophet’s diet?

### The Promise of the Herald, Matt 3:7-12; Mark 3:7-8; Luke 3:7-18.

## The Approval of the King.

### At His Baptism, Luke 3:21-23; Mark 1:9-11; Matt 3:13-17.

### Through His Temptation, Mark 1:12-13; Matt 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13.

### By His Herald, John 1:19-34.