



GLORY TO GOD

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Luke 2:1-21*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

All glory belongs to God for the greatest gift of His love: His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. The coming of the Messiah had been prophesied. Only time would reveal this wonderful Savior. *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15).*
2. And when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son in the form of man, made of a woman, made under the law to redeem mankind *(Galatians 4:4-5).*
3. The Lord Jesus Christ left the splendors of heaven and came to Earth in humility. A foretelling of His humble life, He was born in a stable because there was NO room in the inn. He laid in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, with His birth recognized only by the angelic heavenly hosts and the shepherds in the field watching their flocks by night *(Luke 2:7-14).*
4. Jesus was born to be the Savior; to possess all power in heaven and in Earth and prophesied to be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace *(Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 28:18).*

BACKGROUND SETTING:

When Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, sin entered into the world. What had been the epitome of perfection would now be marred by sickness, tribulation, sorrow and death, as a result of man’s disobedience to God *(Genesis 3:17-19)*. The Almighty and merciful God made a way of escape with His plan to lift the penalty of sin through His perfect plan of salvation by the sacrifice and death on the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God *(Mark 16:15-16)*.

LESSON SUMMARY:

The Messianic Prophecies regarding the coming Messiah were fulfilled as prophesied when the Lord Jesus Christ came to Earth to:

- (1) destroy the work of the devil *(Genesis 3:15; I John 3:8)*;
- (2) be the only and perfect sacrifice *(Psalm 40:6-8; Hebrews 10:5-10)*;
- (3) begin His ministry in Galilee *(Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:12-17)*;
- (4) have a miraculous ministry *(Isaiah 35:5-6; Matthew 11:2-6)*;
- (5) Redeemer to the Gentiles *(Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 12:15-21)*;
- (6) be despised and rejected *(Isaiah 53:3; Luke 4:28-29)*;
- (7) set the captives free *(Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:16-21)*;
- (8) have an everlasting throne *(Daniel 7:13-14; Luke 1:31-33)*; and,
- (9) bring an end to sin *(Daniel 9:24; Galatians 1:3-5)*.

Thanks be to God for His unbelievable gift and *“Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (Galatians 1:3-5).*

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