



Message 1

Life Group Study, Week of December 5, 2021

Engage.

What's the best thing for you about this time of year? What's the hardest?

Look at the Book:

If you happened to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you, if anything? What questions do you have?

What did "God rest ye merry, gentlemen" mean when it was written in the 16th century?

Do you think it's possible to grow stronger through the Christmas season? If so, what's your prescription? What are the obstacles?

What strength is provided by the realization that the combined message of the prophets regarding Messiah point undeniably to Jesus?

Which of the following prophecies and their fulfillment caught your attention, or spoke most powerfully to you, if any? Why?

- ❖ His eternal pre-existence: Mic 5:2 / John 1:1, 14; Col 1:17; Rev 22:13
- ❖ He was born of the seed of the woman: Gen 3:15 / Gal 4:4-5
- ❖ He was born of a virgin: Is 7:14 / Matt 1:18-25
- ❖ He would be called Immanuel: Is 7:1 / Matt 1:23
- ❖ He is the Son of God: Ps 2:7 / Matt 3:16-17; Mk 9:7; Matt 16:13-17; Jn 1:34; Mk 3:11
- ❖ He is the Seed of Abraham: Matt 1:1 / Gal 3:16
- ❖ He is the son of Isaac: Gen 21:12 / Lk 3:23, 34
- ❖ He is the son of Jacob: Num 24:17 / Lk 3:23, 34
- ❖ He is of the tribe of Judah: Gen 49:10 / Lk 3:23, 33
- ❖ He is of the lineage of Jesse: Is 11:1 / Lk 3:23, 32
- ❖ He is of the house of David: Jer 23:5 / Lk 3:23, 31
- ❖ He was born at Bethlehem: Mic 5:2 / Mt 2:1; Lk 2:1-7
- ❖ He was presented with gifts at his birth: Ps 72:10 / Mt 2:1, 11
- ❖ All of the baby boys around Bethlehem were massacred: Jer 31:15 / Mt 2:16-18

What questions do you have about what we have discussed?

How do you want to respond?

Memorize: *He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."* -- Luke 24:44