

LESSON 7:

JESUS AND THE GOSPELS: THE MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT

The Israelites seem to be lost with no hope in sight. They are slaves of the Roman Empire under Caesar Augustus, and they are under the thumb of King Herod the Great. He massacred children, murdered countless adults, and kept himself in power through bribes taken from taxing the visitors to the new Temple he was renovating in Jerusalem. The stage is set for the coming of the Messiah.

In Nazareth, a town of probably no more than 150 people, a young woman by the name of Mary is

about to be visited by an angel. She will conceive the one who will bring us back to the Garden, the one who will not just teach us but show us how to truly love again: the new Paschal Lamb, the Son of Man, the King of Kings, Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23). God comes “down” to take us “up.” Pay attention to the importance of gardens: Gethsemane and the garden tomb. Remember God’s plan on teaching us about perfect love?

TIME PERIOD(S) COVERED _____

WHERE WE ARE ON THE JOURNEY _____

OPENING QUESTION _____

VERSE TO REMEMBER _____

BREAKING IT DOWN

1. How many times did angels visit Joseph in his sleep? _____
2. What was the first miracle that Jesus performed and who asked Him to do it? _____
3. What happens during a year of jubilee (that Jesus announced)? _____
4. In what chapter of Matthew do we read of Jesus giving Peter “the keys” to the Kingdom? _____
5. What is a tabernacle, by definition? _____

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