





Life of Jesus Series: Part #1: His Birth and Life

1. One day, over 2000 years ago, an angel visited a young Jewish woman named Mary. He told her that she was going to have a baby. Mary was troubled by this news. She asked the angel how this could happen because she was only engaged to Joseph. She was still a virgin.
2. The angel explained that Joseph was not to be the baby's father. She would have this baby by the power of God's Holy Spirit. The angel told Mary to name Him, Jesus. This baby would be different from every other human being. The angel told Mary that the baby she was going to give birth to would be the Son of God.
3. Shortly before Mary's time to deliver her baby, she and Joseph traveled to a small town called Bethlehem. They went because the Roman government rulers had ordered everyone to return to their birthplace to take a census and to pay their taxes. Because every hotel room in this small town was full, they had to stay in a small barn where the animals were kept. That night, Mary gave birth to a baby boy. They named Him, Jesus, just as the angel had instructed.
4. When Jesus was 30 years old, He left His home and family in the town of Nazareth and began to travel and teach about God, whom He called "Father." He also began to do many miracles, showing that He was different from other human beings. He chose twelve men to follow Him and be His disciples. They traveled with Him throughout the area of Palestine for three years. They listened to His teachings and they watched as Jesus helped people with many problems. He gave His disciples wisdom and power. He sometimes sent them out, in pairs, to teach and heal people in other towns.

**JESUS TOUCHES
the Crowds...**
5. One day "Jesus returned with His disciples to Nazareth, His hometown. The next Sabbath He began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished. They asked, "Where did He get all His wisdom and power to perform such miracles? He's just the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon. And His sisters live right here among us. They were deeply offended and refused to believe Him." NLB*
6. Everywhere that Jesus went many people followed Him. But many of them did not really believe that He was from God. The Jewish religious leaders became jealous when they saw many people follow Him and listen to His teaching. His kindness and care for people made them angry. He was perfect and they could not find anything wrong in His life. They began to hate Him and decided to kill Him.

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Comprehensive Questions:

- A. 1. When was Jesus born?
2. Who was Jesus' mother?
3. Who told her that she was going to have a special baby?
4. Who was Joseph and what were he and Mary planning to do?
- B. What was the angel's message to Mary? (Tell three things the angel told her)
How would this baby be different from other human beings?
- C. 1. Where was Jesus born? (Give two answers.)
2. Why was He born there?
- D. 1. How old was Jesus when He left home?
2. Tell what things He did after He left His home and family.
3. How many years did Jesus and His disciples travel together?
4. Tell about Jesus' disciples? Find the verbs that tell what they did.
- E. 1. What was the name of Jesus' hometown?
2. What did He do when He returned to visit His hometown?
3. What did the people ask each other?
4. What did the people in Jesus' hometown know about Him?
a. Tell about His occupation
b. Tell about His family
5. What attitude did the people of His hometown have towards Jesus?
- F. 1. Who were Jesus' enemies and what did they want to do to Him?
2. What words tell their feelings towards Jesus?
3. What words tell about Jesus' character?



Something to Think About and English Conversation Practice:

1. Describe what Jesus' mother was like.
2. Why do you think the news from the angel made her feel troubled?
3. The angel said that Mary's baby would be different from all other babies.
Explain two ways He was different at the time He was born.
4. As a grown man, how was Jesus "different from every other human being"?
5. Tell about the crowds that followed Jesus. Why do you think they followed Him?