**Lesson One: Christ’s Life Prior to His Ministry - I**

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| **Fourfold Gospel** |
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| **Matthew** |
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**Luke’s Preface and Dedication and John’s Introduction
(Luke 1:1-4; John 1:1-18)**

1. Where was Jesus *“in the beginning?”*
2. What part did Jesus have in the creation?
3. For what purpose was John the Baptist sent from God?
4. Of whom is it said, *“He was in the world, … and the world did not know Him?”* Why was this said about him?
5. What did Jesus give to those who *“received Him?”* What does that mean?
6. What comparisons did John the Baptist make between himself and Jesus?
7. In contrast to the law given through Moses, what is said to have come through Jesus Christ? Give a brief summary of how this is true.

**The Genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38)**

1. How many generations were there from Abraham to Christ?
2. According to Luke, of whom is Jesus *“supposed”* to be the son? Why did he express it in that way?
3. How do you explain the obvious differences between the genealogies of Jesus as recorded by Matthew and Luke?

**Annunciation to Zacharias of the Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25)**

1. Who were Zacharias and Elizabeth? Describe their character.

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1. What was Zacharias doing at the time the angel appeared to him and revealed that Elizabeth would bear a son?
2. What did the angel tell Zacharias in reference to the son that was to be born to him and his wife?
3. When Zacharias asked for proof from the angel to verify his message, what sign did he give him?

**Annunciation of the Birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)**

1. When Joseph learned that Mary was to have a child, what was he going to do? Why? In response to this, who appeared to Joseph? What did he reveal?
2. What prophecies were fulfilled by the birth of Jesus?
3. Whose throne did the angel tell Mary that her Son would occupy? Why could He do that?
4. What did Mary ask the angel after being told she was to bear a son? What was his response?

**Mary’s Visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)**

1. What was Mary’s relationship to Elizabeth? What caused Mary to visit her at this time?
2. What happened when Mary greeted Elizabeth? Why?

**The Birth and Early Life of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-80)**

1. Briefly summarize the events surrounding the birth of John the Baptist.
2. What did Zacharias say that John would do?
3. What is said of John as a child?
4. What is meant by the phrase *“till the day of his manifestation to Israel?”*

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