**Lesson Two: Christ's Life Prior to His Ministry - II**

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**The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)**

1. Who sent out a decree requiring all people to go to their own city to be enrolled? What was the purpose of this enrollment? What is meant by the phrase *"his own city?"*
2. Where was Joseph required to go as a result of this decree? Who accompanied him? Why?
3. In what city was Jesus born? Why was He born in a stable? What Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled by His birth?
4. Who appeared to shepherds who were in the fields near Bethlehem? What was his message to them? How were they to know the Christ when they saw Him?
5. What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby Jesus?
**The Circumcision of Jesus and His Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:21-39)**
6. What was done to Jesus on the eighth day following His birth? Why?
7. When was Jesus taken to the temple in Jerusalem? What was the purpose of this visit?
8. Who was Simeon? What had the Holy Spirit revealed to him? What did he do and say in relation to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph?
9. Who was Anna? What did she do in relation to Jesus?

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**The Visit of the Wise Men from the East (Matthew 2:1-12)**

1. Why did the wise men come to Jerusalem?
2. Who was Herod? Why was he troubled over the visit of the wise men? What request did he make of them?
3. How did the wise men finally find Jesus? What gifts did they bring Him? Why did they not comply with Herod's request? What did they do instead?

**The Flight into Egypt and the Subsequent Return to Nazareth (Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 2:39)**

1. What advice did the angel of the Lord give Joseph when he appeared to him soon after the departure of the wise men? What did Joseph do?
2. What prophecy was fulfilled when Joseph took the child Jesus into Egypt?
3. How did Joseph learn of the death of Herod? What did he do upon hearing of it?
4. To what city did Joseph return with Mary and the child? Why? What prophecy was fulfilled by this action?

**Jesus' Visit to Jerusalem at Age Twelve (Luke 2:40-52)**

1. Why did Jesus accompany His parents to Jerusalem?
2. After setting out for home on their return journey, what did Mary and Joseph discover? How long did it take them to find Jesus? Where was He when they found Him? What was He doing?
3. What did Mary ask Jesus upon finding Him? What was His reply?
4. Describe the development of Jesus in the following areas and what is involved in each area.
5. Wisdom.
6. Stature.
7. In favor with God.
8. In favor with men.

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