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1. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit together agreed, before They ever made the world, that God the Son would become a man and pay the blood-price for the sin which would be committed by the people They were about to create.
Acts 2:23 I Peter 1:20 Rev. 13:8
2. 6,000 years of prophecies, pictures, and progeny
Genesis through Malachi
3. In about 4 BC, A priest named Zechariah takes his turn supplying the incense and oil to burn in the Holy Place. As he keeps the oil burning, he silently prays, pouring out his heart to the Lord...he prays for his own deep needs, and the same deep needs of the people he represents. He and his wife are childless...and the nation of Israel is also childless...the long-awaited Savior has not come.
Luke 1:5-22
4. Soon after this prayer, Zecharias' wife, Elizabeth, gets pregnant.
Luke 1:23-25
5. When Elizabeth is 6 months pregnant, the angel Gabriel comes to a young girl named Mary, telling her she has been chosen to bear the Savior of the world in her womb. Mary accepts the unbelievable gift.
Luke 1:26-38

6. Mary immediately goes to visit her relative, Elizabeth. Both Elizabeth and her yet-to-be-born baby know the Savior is within Mary. Mary stays 3 months.

Luke 1:39-56

7. Elizabeth and Zechariah's son is born. They name him John. He is raised in the desert. (He will be known later as John the Baptist)

Luke 1:57-79

8. It becomes known that Mary is pregnant, though not yet married to Joseph.

Matthew 1:18

9. Joseph, believing Mary has been unfaithful to him, does not want to humiliate Mary, but he doesn't think he can marry her, either. He just wants to put her away somewhere privately to have the baby. –Matthew 1:19

10. But before Joseph can put that plan into action, an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him what has happened – that Mary is carrying the Savior within her, and has not been unfaithful to Joseph. He is told to marry her, take care of her until the Savior is born, and then live with her as husband and wife after that. He is told to name the baby Jesus. Joseph obeys.

Matthew 1:20-25

11. Just before Mary is ready to deliver her baby, Caesar orders that all Jews return to the city of their birth to be registered in a census. Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem.

Luke 2:1-5



12. The baby is born in Bethlehem, in a stable.

Luke 2:6-7

13. Shepherds near Bethlehem see a bright star, and hear a whole skyfull of angels saying the Savior has been born. They go to Bethlehem and find Mary, Jesus, and Joseph, then leave and tell everyone about it. They are filled with joy.

Luke 2:8-20



"For my eyes have seen your salvation..." – Simeon Luke 2:30

14. 8 days later, Mary and Joseph take Jesus to Jerusalem, to the temple, where Jesus was circumcised and named Jesus.

Luke 2:21 Matthew 1:25b

15. 32 days after that, Mary & Joseph, because Jesus was their first-born, presented their baby boy to the Lord in Jerusalem, again at the temple, offering the traditional sacrifice.

Luke 2:22-24

16. During this visit to Jerusalem, a faith-filled man named Simeon saw Mary & Joseph with Jesus in the temple, and confirmed that this baby was, indeed, the promised Savior of the world, who had been promised for 6,000 years with prophecies, pictures, and progeny. He also warned Mary of what was to come.

Luke 2:25-35

17. After Simeon made this proclamation, another Godly person, Anna, who lived at the temple, also confirmed that this was the coming Savior.

Luke 2:36-38

18. Mary & Joseph return to Bethlehem to live for 2 or 3 more years. Then some wise men from the Gentile countries in the east make the trip to Israel to see this Savior of the world, having seen His sign in the stars. Herod is filled with jealousy

and hatred for this child he had not heard of – and orders the wise men to find the child in Bethlehem and then return to Jerusalem to let him know where the child and his parents live. After they find and worship the young child Jesus, they are warned of God in a dream not to return to Herod. They flee secretly another way.

Matthew 2:1-12



"They saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."
Matthew 2:11

19. Joseph is warned of an angel in a dream to take Jesus and Mary away to Egypt until it is safe

to return. He obeys.

Matthew 2:13-15

20. Herod, furious that he had been tricked by the wise men, orders that all the male children 2 years old and under in the Bethlehem area, be slain. They are.

Matthew 2:16-18

21. Once Herod has died, Joseph and Mary return to Israel, choosing to live far from Jerusalem, in the Galilee area, in Nazareth. This is where Jesus grew up.

Matthew 2:19-23 Luke 2:39-40





Old Testament Promises **of the Coming King:**

| Prophecy | Where It's Found in the Old Testament | Where it Came True in the New Testament |
|--|---|---|
| He would be a man | Genesis 3:15 | Galatians 4:4 |
| He would be a Jew | Genesis 12:3 Genesis 18:18 | Luke 3:34 Matt. 1:2 Acts 3:25 Galatians 3:16 |
| He would be of the the tribe of Judah | Genesis 49:10 | Luke 3:33 Matthew 1:2 |
| He would be a King (of the seed of David) | Psalms 132:11,12 Jeremiah 23:5,6 Psalms 2:6-9 | Matthew 1:6 Romans 1:3 Acts 2:30 |
| He would be a prophet like Moses | Deuteronomy 18:15, 19 | Matt. 21:11 John 1:45 John 6:14 Acts 3:22-23 |
| He would be the Son of God | Psalms 2:7 Proverbs 30:4 | Luke 1:32 Matthew 3:17 |
| He would be God | Jeremiah 23:5,6 | Acts 2:36 |
| Homage would be given Him by great Kings | Psalms 72:10,11 | Matt. 2:1-11 |
| He would be born of a virgin | Isaiah 7:14 | Matthew 1:18-25 Luke 1:26-35 |
| He would be born in Bethlehem | Micah 5:1 | Matt 2:1, 5, 6 Luke 2:4-6 |

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| He would perform miracles | Isaiah 35:5,6 | John 11:47 Matthew 11:3-6 |
| He would come before the 2 nd temple in Jerusalem was destroyed (70 A.D.) | Daniel 9:24-26 | Historical fact |
| He would be betrayed by a friend | Psalms 41:9 | John 13:18,21 |
| He would be rejected | Psalms 118:22,23 Isaiah 8:14, 15 Isaiah 28:16 | Matt 21:42,43 Acts 4:11 Romans 9:32,33 Ephesians 2:20 I Peter 2:6-8 |
| He would be meek & mild | Isaiah 42:2,3 Isaiah 53:7 | Matt. 12:18-20 Matt 26:62,63 |
| He would minister to Gentiles | Isaiah 42:1 Isaiah 49:1,8 | Matt. 12:21 |
| He would be smitten | Isaiah 50:6 | Matt. 26:67 Matt 27:26,30 |
| He would suffer & bring salvation | Isaiah 53 | The 4 Gospels |
| He would be pierced | Zechariah 12:10 Psalm 22:16 | John 19:34,37 |
| He would be forsaken by His disciples | Zechariah 13:7 | Matthew 26:31,56 |
| He would be crucified | Psalm 22 Psalm 69:21 | Matthew 27:34-50 John 19:28-30 |
| He would have his garments parted & cast lots for | Psalm 22:19 | Luke 23:34 |
| He would ascend to heaven | Psalm 68:18 | Luke 24:51 Acts 1:9 |
| He would have victory over death | Isaiah 25:8 | John 20:1-10, 19-25 |
| Gentiles shall seek the Messiah of Israel | Isaiah 11:10 | Romans 11:25 |
| Died for the sins of the Jewish people and the whole world | Isaiah 53:8 | John 3:16 |



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