

## The Childhood Of Jesus

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### After Jesus Was Born

- Jesus circumcised and named at 8 days
- Presentation at the Temple
- Lev. 12:2-8
- 7 days ceremonially unclean
- 8<sup>th</sup> day; naming and circumcision
- 33 days later, presentation at Temple
- If cannot afford Lamb, 2 doves or pigeons

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### After Jesus Was Born

- Luke 2:22-24 Mary and Joseph presented doves or pigeons
- Would Joseph as a righteous man present doves if he could afford a Lamb?
- This is an indication the Wise Men had not shown up yet. They were poor!

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### The Magi

- Matt.2:1-12 - The Visit to Jerusalem
- Herod dying, sons struggling for power.
- Herod always insecure about being ½ Jew
- Then came large entourage of the Magi.
  - Domestic, Military, Political advisors,
- Where is He who is BORN, King of the Jews
- Confidence in the question

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### The Magi

- No wonder, “When Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with Him.”
- Teachers told Herod where Messiah would be born.
- Sent Magi to Bethlehem to worship and they were to come back and tell him
- The Star “reappeared”, it moved, it stopped over the place

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### The Magi

- Jesus was a “child” – word specific – not baby
- in a “house” – not the stable
- They bowed and worshipped
- They opened treasures, and gave gifts – gold, incense and myrrh.
- V12, In a dream they were warned not to return to Herod, and went another way

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### Flight to Egypt

- Joseph awoken by an Angel told to escape to Egypt to save Jesus.
- Trip funded by gifts of the Magi
- Herod slaughters boys 2 and under, “according to the time he had learned from the Magi” Leaders fearful of losing control resort to dreadful measures
- 28<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Holy Innocents
- Today’s victims- Abortion, war, abuse

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### The Return to Israel

- Joseph, Mary and Jesus return under direction of Angel to Nazareth
- 2:23 – “He will be called a Nazarene”
- John 7:42 – The Messiah would come from Bethlehem
- More leaders fearful of losing control would one day kill Jesus.
- When we surrender control to Jesus, we gain life

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