

Jesus Before Age Twelve

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Matthew 1:18-25

1. In the embryonic stage of human development, Jesus fulfilled two prophecies

Jeremiah 23:5-6, *“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ “In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, ‘The Lord our righteousness.’”*

Isaiah 7:14, *“The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name, Immanuel.”*

Isaiah 8:10, *“Devise a plan, but it will be thwarted; state a proposal, but it will not stand, for God is with us.”*

2. Jesus’ parents lived in Nazareth, yet He was born in Bethlehem while they registered for the census

Luke 2:1-7

Micah 5:2, *“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.”*

3. Christ the Lord was visited by shepherds while still lying in the manger

Luke 2:10-19

4. Jesus became a Light of revelation to the Gentiles

Luke 2:21-32

Isaiah 49:5-6, *“And now says the Lord, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant...so that Israel might be gathered to Him, ⁶ He says, “It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant...to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”*

5. Hearing about King Jesus troubled Herod the king

Matthew 2:1-3, *“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ² “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.”*

6. Magi travelled to Bethlehem to worship the Child and present gifts to Him

Matthew 2:9-11, *“After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”*

Numbers 24:17, *“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel, and shall crush through the forehead of Moab, and tear down the sons of Sheth.”*

7. Herod tried to kill Jesus, so Joseph took his family and fled to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-15, *“An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.” ¹⁴ So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵ He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”*

Hosea 11:1, *“When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”*

Matthew 2:19-23, *“When Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” ²¹ So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³ and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”*