

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* THE FEAST OF THE INCARNATION - better known as Christmas - commemorates an event that would change the world
- \* Lord willing, we will be spending the next four messages considering that miraculous event from the initial pronouncement of the angelic herald.
- \* Luke 2: 11 "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
- \* Today, we would like to begin unpacking this magnificent message by considering "The Timing of the Message"

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE TIMING OF THE MESSAGE****A. P\_\_\_\_\_ically**

## 1. DETAILS OF HIS LINEAGE

- a. He Would Be of the Seed of W\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Genesis 3:15; Galatians 4:4; Matthew 1:20)
- b. He Would Be of the Seed of A\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Genesis 22:18; Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16)
- c. He Would Be of the Seed of I\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 21:12; Luke 3:23,34)
- d. He Would Be of the Seed of J\_\_\_\_\_ (Numbers 24:17; Luke 3:23,34)
- e. He Would Be of the Seed of J\_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 49:10; Luke 3:23,33)
- f. He Would Be of the Seed of J\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 11:1; Luke 3:23,32)
- g. He Would Be of the Seed of D\_\_\_\_\_ (II Samuel 7:16; Psalm 89:3,20,28-36; Jeremiah 23:5; Luke 3:23,31)

## 2. DETAILS OF HIS COMING

- a. He Would Be B\_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1)
- b. He Would Be B\_\_\_\_\_ of a Virgin (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, 24, 25)
- c. He Would Be P\_\_\_\_\_ By "Elijah" (Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6; Luke 1: 13-17)
- d. He Would Be C\_\_\_\_\_ 483 years after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (cf. Daniel 9:25-26)

**B. C\_\_\_\_\_ically**

## 1. HISTORICAL INDICATORS

- a. The Charge:
- b. The Evidence
  - i. CONSIDERING CONSTANTINE
  - ii. CONSIDERING AURELIAN (214-275 AD)
  - iii. CONSIDERING EARLY CHRISTIANS (100-250 AD)

## c. The Conclusion

## 2. BIBLICAL INDICATORS

- a. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1: 26-37)
- b. Elizabeth's \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1: 23-25)
- c. Zacharias' \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1: 5-12; I Chron 24: 4-5,10)
- d. Malachi's \_\_\_\_\_ (Malachi 4: 1-2)

- II. THE THEME OF THE MESSAGE
- III. THE SUBJECT OF THE MESSAGE
- IV. THE RECIPIENTS OF THE MESSAGE

**INTROSPECTION**

- ☞ GOD'S TIMING IS ALWAYS PERFECT. WHAT HE STATES WILL OCCUR!
- ☞ WHAT WILL YOU BE CELEBRATING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?
- ☞ IS IT A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS ... OR THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH?