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PRESENTS

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The Infancy Narratives (Part 2)

AN ONLINE SERIES



Week 1: November 25, 7pm

The Annunciation and Visitation

As we begin our study of Luke's Infancy narratives, we have what scholars call a diptych: namely, there is a parallel of the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist with that of the birth of Jesus, which there are a number of parallels, which is not surprising since they both come from same author! What we're seeing is the shaping of the message of the conception of Jesus.

Week 2: December 2, 7pm

The Birth of John and Jesus

Luke connects the Birth of John the Baptist with the birth of Jesus and will do elaborately because of what he is most interested in: namely, that something is going to happen that's going to effect the whole world forever.

Week 3: December 9, 7pm

The Presentation of Jesus

Luke cannot tell his story in the Infancy Narratives without reminding his audience of the negative side of the birth of this Child, who is "destined to be the FALL and RISE of many in Israel." Coming from the mouth of Simeon, this constitutes a judgement: some will accept the Good News, while others will reject it.

Week 4: December 16, 7pm

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

This story is not a post-script to the Infancy Narratives, but is a way of bringing together the powerful insight as to the identity of Jesus. What Luke is doing here is telling us a "boyhood story" which shows a child becoming a man as he is taking ownership of his faith.

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