**What the Birth of Christ Means to Mankind**

1. **IT MEANS PROPHECY WAS FULFILLED.**
2. **Prophecy fulfilled concerning place of birth;**

Micah 5:2

2 "But you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Luke 2:4

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to **Bethlehem** the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

1. **Prophecy fulfilled concerning means of birth.**

 Isaiah 7:14

 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign:

 **The virgin will be with child and will give**

 **birth to a son**, and will call him Immanuel.

 Matthew 1:22-23

 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had

 Said through the prophet:

 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give

 birth to a son, and they will call him

 Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

1. **IT MEANS A SAVIOUR WAS PROVIDED.**
2. **He came as a ransom;**

Mark 10:45
45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a **ransom for many."**

1. **He came to save from sin;**

Matthew 1:21

21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will **save his people from their sins."**

1. **He came to seek and save the lost;**

Luke 19:10

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

1. **IT MEANS SATAN WOULD BE DEFEATED.**
2. **Christ was manifested to destroy Satan's works.**

1 John 3:8

8 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

1. **Christ by His death destroyed Satan's works.**

 Hebrews 2:14-15
 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too

 shared in their humanity so that by his death he

 might destroy him who holds the power of death-

 -that is, the devil--
 15 and free those who all their lives were held in

 slavery by their fear of death.

1. **Christ removes Satan's armor.**

 Luke 11:21-22
21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.
22 But when **someone stronger** attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

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