

The Birth Of Jesus Christ

Let's read Matt 1:18- 2:18





Merry Christmas

WHY WOULD I SHOW THREE CROSSES FOR CHRISTMAS?

NAU Luke 2:11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

How did the one born save us?

Did he save by being born, or by dying?

NAU Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Unto Us A Son Is Given
Why would Scripture
say that a Child was
born and a Son was
given?

Jesus alone has two
natures, eternal son of
God (given), and yet
human (born).



Unto Us A Son Is Given

- Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given [1st. coming]: and the government shall be upon his shoulder [2nd. coming]: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end [2nd. coming], upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will [future tense] perform this [2nd. coming]. KJV

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Let's examine it now.



- Israel: Bethlehem Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Bethlehem is the city in which Jesus was born in a manger. Bethlehem is also the setting for most of the Book of Ruth and the home of Israel's King David.



- Shepherds' Field outside of Bethlehem is the traditional site where an angel of the Lord, announcing Jesus' birth, appeared to the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night.



- Shepherds' Field
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- (Israel)
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- Judean countryside near Bethlehem



God Would God Give His Son?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. KJV



The Virgin Birth

- Matt 1:23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"- which means, "God with us."
- 3933 παρθένος parthenos {par-then'-os}
- Meaning: 1) a virgin 1a) a marriageable maiden 1b) a woman who has never had sexual intercourse with a man 1c) one's marriageable daughter 2) a man who has abstained from all uncleanness and whoredom attendant on idolatry, and so has kept his chastity 2a) one who has never had intercourse with women

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- 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Let's read Isa 7:10-14...Ask ...God for a sign...
- NAU Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin [*almah*] will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.
- <05959> אַלְמָה *almah* (761c)
- Meaning: a young woman, a virgin
- Yes, the Hebrew could mean "young woman" but an unmarried pregnant woman would be stoned, and God offers this as not "a small thing." A

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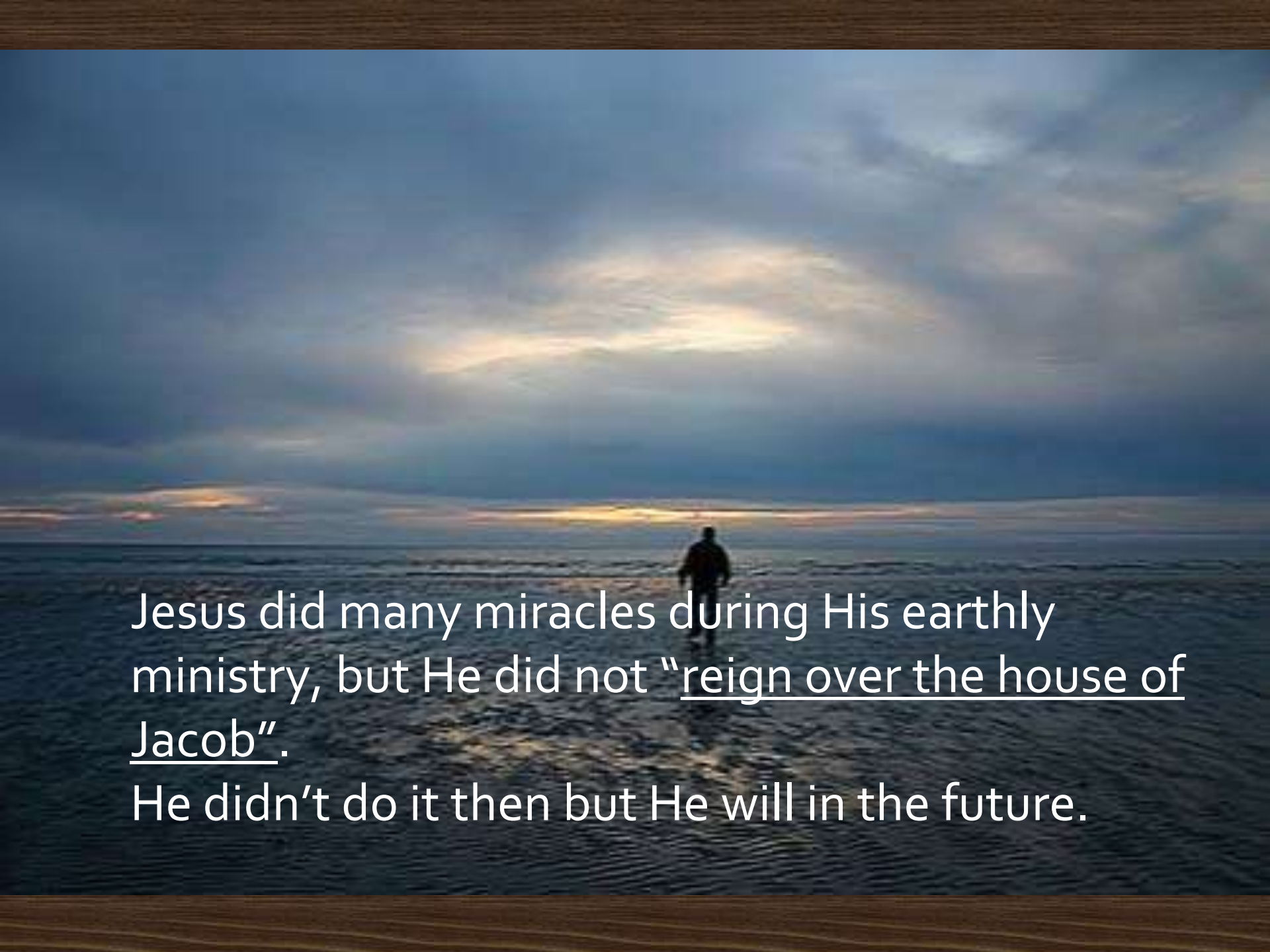
- Isaiah and Matthew are not the first references to the virgin birth, where is the first?
- NAU Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed [*LXX, sperma, σπέρματος*]; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

God Would God Give His Son, but where?

- Micah 5:2-5 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."
- 3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned [450 years, inter-testamental period] until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.
- 4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
- And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. 5 And he will be their peace [Has this happened yet? 1st coming or 2nd coming?]

Micah 5:2-5, One Who Will Be Ruler Over Israel

- Luke 1:30-33 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."
- NAU John 19:15 So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar "

A person is walking away from the camera on a beach at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow that reflects on the water and the wet sand. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The person is a small silhouette in the center of the frame, walking towards the horizon.

Jesus did many miracles during His earthly ministry, but He did not “reign over the house of Jacob”.

He didn't do it then but He will in the future.

Micah 5:2-5, Whose Origins Are From Of Old, From Ancient Times

- John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made...
- Isa 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- NAU John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us

Micah 5:2-5

She Who Is In Labor Gives Birth

- 1 Thess 5:1-3 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
- Matt 24:7-8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places 8

Matthew 2:16

Slaughter of the Innocents

- NAU Matthew 2:16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.
- Only Satan could inspire this kind of evil after the beautiful nativity story.

It's called Scène du massacre des Innocents ("Scene of the massacre of the Innocents"), and it was painted by the largely overlooked Parisian painter, Léon Cogniet in 1824. Today it hangs in the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Rennes.



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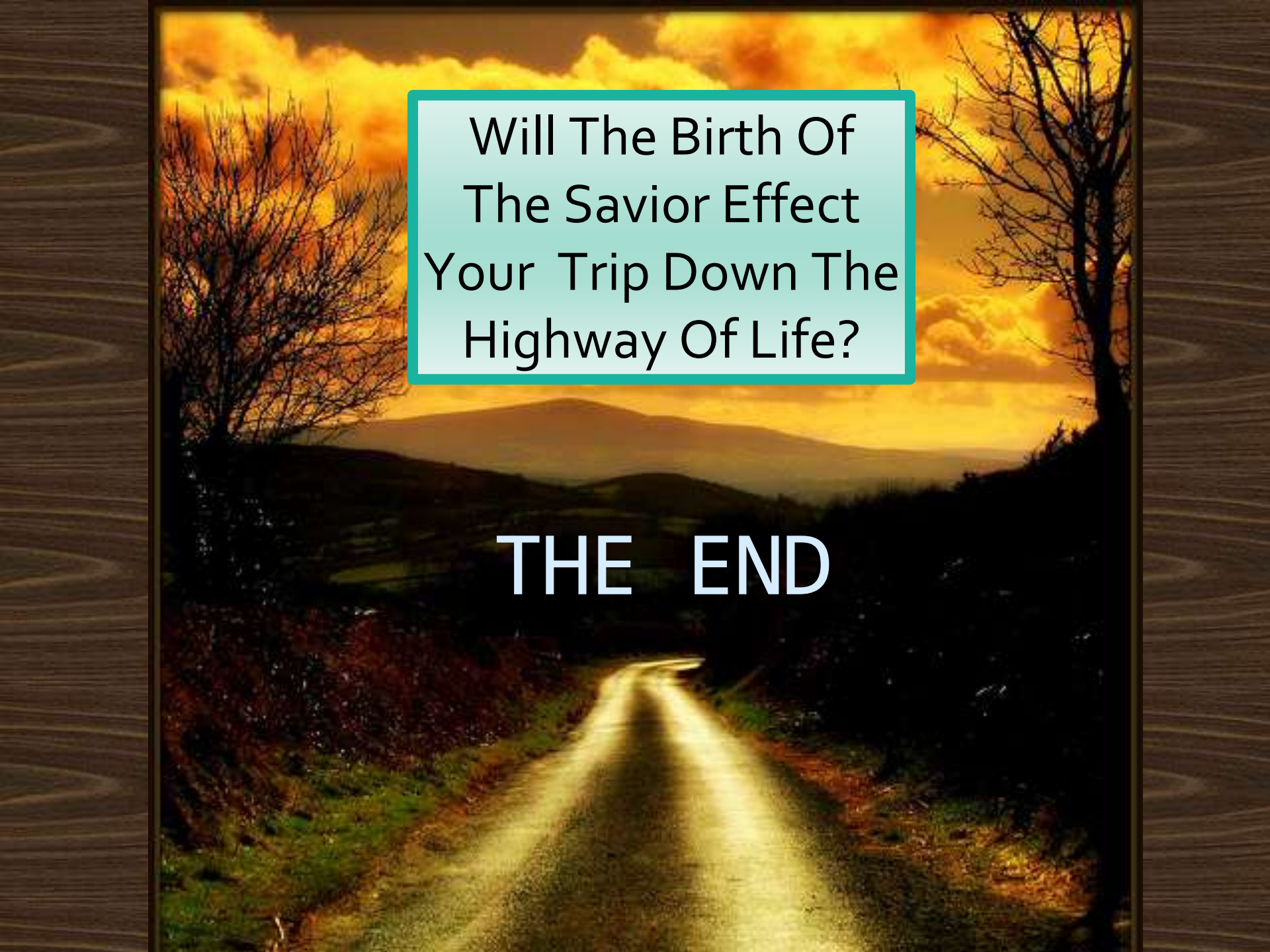
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So, Why?

Who are you & why in god's name would we want his picture with you?





Will The Birth Of
The Savior Effect
Your Trip Down The
Highway Of Life?

THE END