The Eleven Parts of the Series

These are the days, dates, and times. Since the series is in *chronological order*, I urge you to attend each service to better understand the order of each event. Also, as you read below, reference the timeline inside.

Part 1: Wednesday, December 3: 11 & 7

- ⇒ John 1:1-2 The Son was with God the Father before Creation!
- ⇒ <u>John 1:3-5</u> The Father Created All Things *through the Son!*

Part 2: SUNDAY, December 7: 8:00 & 10:45

⇒ Matthew 1:1-17 – Connecting the Dots from Abraham to Joseph to Jesus!

Part 3: Wednesday, December 10: 11 & 7

- ⇒ Mark 1:1-3 God Spoke through Isaiah to Tell *in Advance* About John!
- ⇒ <u>Luke 1:5-25</u> The Birth of John Is Told in Advance through an Angel!

Part 4: SUNDAY, December 14: 8:00 & 10:45

- ⇒ <u>Luke 3:23-38</u> Connecting the Dots from Jesus to Adam to God!

Part 5: Wednesday, December 17: 11 & 7

- ⇒ <u>Luke 1:39-45</u> Mary Visits Elizabeth, and Both are Expecting!
- ⇒ <u>Luke 1:46-56</u> Mary, Pregnant with Jesus, Magnifies the Lord!

Part 6: SUNDAY, December 21: 8:00 & 10:45

- ⇒ <u>Luke 1:57-66</u> John the Baptizer is Born and Named!
- □ Luke 1:67-80 Zechariah, the Father of John, Tells in Advance About Jesus and John!

Part 7: Wednesday, December 24: 6:00

Part 8: Thursday, December 25: 10:00

- ⇒ <u>Luke 2:1-7</u> Jesus, Who Is God in Flesh God With Us, is born and named!
- ⇒ <u>Luke 2:8-21</u> Shepherds Hear, Angels Praise, Mary Treasures!

Part 9: SUNDAY, December 28: 10:00

Part 10: Wednesday, December 31: 7:00

Part 11: SUNDAY, January 4: 8:00 & 10:45; and *Monday*: 7 PM

See you in church!

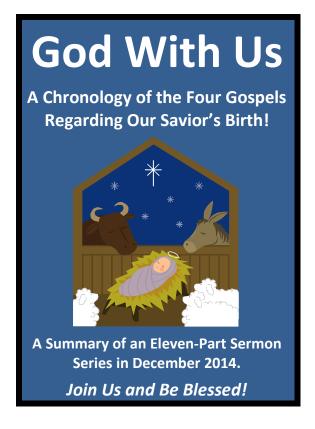
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Introduction

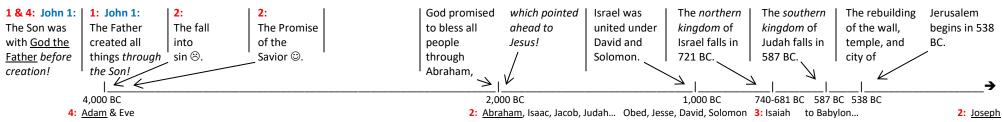
Dear Friends: Let's think about some supersignificant realities:

- The Bible is God's Word to us!
- God the Father worked through His Son to bring all things into existence!
- When the first people fell into sin, God promised to save them through a future descendant of the woman (Gen. 3:15).
- ➡ This is one of many prophecies: "...the
 Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold,
 the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
 and shall call his name Immanuel."
 (Isaiah 7:14 ESV)
- ♣ This verse translates Immanuel: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and

- bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, **God with us**). (Matthew 1:23 ESV)
- ➡ This passage tells why the Son put on human flesh: "...when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem [buy back] those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." (Gal. 4:4-5 ESV)
- There are many ways to study the account of our Savior's birth, but this sermon series will focus on what the four gospels *Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John* record about the Son of God putting on human flesh to take away the sins of the world! It is important know, believe, and benefit from God's truth!
- Many of the passages we study will be familiar, but this study will be different as we consider each passage in *chronological order*. Even though this series will be from the New Testament Gospels, **the series will:**

- ⇒ Begin before creation.
- Look at two brief overviews of the Old Testament.
- ⇒ Emphasize God using John the Baptizer to prepare the way for Jesus.
- ⇒ Consider the messages of angels.
- ⇒ Focus on our Savior's birth!
- ⇒ Lay out the key events of God With Us during a two-year period!

A Very Basic Old Testament Timeline → Approximately 4,000 Years of History



A Timeline Surrounding Jesus' Birth → Approximately 2 Years of History

There is some sound reasoning behind the dates below, but they are not certain.

- ◆ Herod the Great: Many believe he died in March of 4 BC; therefore, all of the events below, except the final event, had to happen before he died.
- ◆ Dates associated with Zachariah and John: They are related to Zechariah's priestly division of Abijah and service in the temple (1 Chronicles 24:1-19).
- ◆ Dates associated with Mary and Jesus: Some believe that Jesus was conceived during Hanukah (December) and born during Tabernacles (September).
- ◆ John and Jesus: We know John was conceived six months before Jesus was conceived, so they were six months apart in age (Luke 1:35-38).

John

3: Mark 1;	3: Luke 1:	4: Luke 1:	5: Luke 1:	6: Luke 1:	7: Mt. 1:	8: Luke 2:	8: Luke 2:	8: Luke 2:	9: Luke 2:	9: Luke 2;	10: Mt. 2:	10: Mt. 2:	11: Mt. 2:	11: Mt. 2;
Luke 1:	Elizabeth,	The birth	Mary visits	John the	God sends	Caesar	Jesus, Who	The Child	Following	Matt. 2;	The wise	Having	In an	Luke 2:
The birth	the wife of	of Jesus is	Elizabeth,	Baptizer is	a message	Augustus	Is God in	is named	the Law,	Lev. 12:8:	men visit,	been	attempt to	Having
of John is	Zechariah,	told in	and both	born and	to Joseph	orders	Flesh –	Jesus,	Jesus is	Joseph,	worship,	warned by	kill Jesus,	been
told <i>in</i>	becomes	advance	are	named.	through an	everyone	God With	which	presented	Mary, and	and	an angel,	the young	warned by
advance	pregnant	through an	expecting!	Zechariah	angel:	to register	Us , is	means:	at the	Jesus	present	Joseph,	boys in	an angel,
through an	with a son.	angel; then	Mary	tells in	Take Mary,	in his own	born!	The Lord	temple in	return to	their gifts	Mary, and	Bethlehem	Joseph,
angel.		she is	magnifies	advance	who is	town.		saves!	Jerusalem.	Bethlehem	to Jesus in	Jesus	are	Mary, and
		pregnant!	the Lord!	about	pregnant,						Bethlehem	quickly	murdered.	Jesus
				Jesus and	as your							flee to		return to
				John.	wife.							Egypt.		Nazareth.
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May, 6 BC	June, 6 BC	Dec., 6 BC		March, 5 BC		August, 5 BC	Sept., 5 BC	Oct., 5 BC	Nov., 5 BC	Nov., 5 BC	Dec., 5 BC	Dec., 5 BC		April, 4 BC

2: Jesus