

Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?

Luke 1:26-38, Isaiah 7:10-17

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

1. On December 25 we _____ the birth of Jesus Christ.
Luke 2:8, 11 **8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ... 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.**

2. We celebrate the birth of the _____ Son.
Luke 1:34 **“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”**

Matthew 1:18 **This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.**

Isaiah 7:14 **Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.**

Matthew 1:22-23 **All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”^[g] (which means “God with us”).**

3. We celebrate the birth of _____ Son.
Luke 1:32b-33 **32 ...The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”**

II Samuel 7:12, 16 **12 When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ... 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me^[b]; your throne will be established forever.**

4. We celebrate the birth of _____ Son.

Luke 1:32a ***He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. ...***

Luke 1:35 ***The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.***

Matthew 1:20-21 ***But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 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.”***

John 1:1, 14 ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.***

Hebrews 2:17 ***For this reason he had to be made like them,^[a] fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.***

5. Today we can celebrate the birthday of _____.

John 1:12-13 ***Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.***

John 3:3, 5-6 ***3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ... 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.***