

# THE Story

## Lesson 1 Chapter 22 The Birth of the King (Pt 1) p.309-310

1. On pages 309-310 we find the prologue to John's Gospel and his unique approach to the Christmas story. The dictionary defines "prologue" as "introductory lines or verses before a dramatic performance."

Most believe John wrote his Gospel after Matthew, Mark and Luke had been in circulation for about 20 years. Why do you think John wanted to focus his readers attention on a theological account of our Lord's arrival?

2. The first two verses of John's gospel (paragraph #1 on p. 309) identify the "Christ of Christmas" with what four different words?

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What are the implications and applications to us of each of those words?

3. How does the title "Word" identify a main ministry of Jesus to this world?

4. John summarizes the ministry of John the Baptist in the second paragraph on page 309. What was John and what was he not?

How does he challenge his generation and ours with the importance of maintaining.....

A Clear Understanding of our Humanity ....

A Clear Understanding of our Authority.....

A Clear Understanding of our Responsibility

5. Note all the allusions to "light". How much of the purpose of Jesus' coming does this explain?

6. Who does not and who does become a child of God according to the third paragraph on page 309?

By what means is one brought into this new status?

Reflect on the truth of these two statements....

Rejection of Christ by the majority is an ongoing and never ending tragedy

Reception of Christ by the minority is an ongoing and never ending opportunity

7. What does it mean that "the Word became flesh?"

What did this mean for Jesus? (Check out Philippians 2:5-8; I John 1:1-2)

Why did Jesus have to unite with human flesh? (Check out Hebrews 2:14-15)

8. The Christmas story proclaims....a miracle of enormous proportions....a manifestation of glorious proportions and a message of marvelous proportions... so what is implied by the words "grace and truth" and why are both so important?

9. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace