

"THE GREATEST MYSTERY OF HISTORY"

(The Story of Christmas - Part one)

Introduction: A word used by the Holy Spirit to describe the incarnation is {mystery} (*I Timothy 3:16*)! That same word is used to describe the {gospel} (*Ephesians 6:19*). Jesus said that believers can understand the mysteries of the {kingdom} (*Matthew 13:10-11*)!

I. THE OLD TESTAMENT TELLS US THAT JESUS IS COMING!

1. It tells us {HOW} Jesus will come! (*Genesis 3:15 / Isaiah 7:14 / Galatians 4:4-5*)
2. It tells us {WHY} He will come! (*Genesis 3:21 / Exodus 12:3-7 / John 1:29 / I Peter 1:18-20*)
3. It tells us {WHERE} He will come! (*Micah 5:2 / Matthew 2:1-6*)
4. It tells us {HOW MESSIAH WILL DIE}. (*Isaiah 53:5-7 / Numbers 21:6-9 / John 3:14-15*)
5. It tells us {WHEN} He will be born! (*Daniel 9:25*)

Note: The words "Messiah" and "Christ" mean "The Promised One"!

II. THE GOSPELS TELL US THAT JESUS HAS COME!

**Matthew 1:20-23* **Mark 1:1-4* **Luke 1:30-35* **Luke 2:10-11*
**John 1:1* **John 1:14* **Matthew 16:13-16* **Colossians 1:26*
**I Corinthians 2:7-8*

Note: Joseph, Mary, John the Baptist, and all the disciples were devout Jews who knew the Old Testament prophecies about Messiah!

III. THE EPISTLES and REVELATION TELL US THAT JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!

**Acts 1:9-11* **Revelation 1:7* **I Corinthians 15:51-52* **I Thessalonians 4:16-17*
**Revelation 10:7* **Revelation 1:8*

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Conclusion: Many Messianic prophecies were mysteries when they were given by God. God often speaks in mysterious ways, but He always keeps His promise (*Matthew 5:17*).