

- 1) Can you think of a time when there were so many “coincidences” that you finally realized that they were not merely happenstance but evidences of God at work?
- 2) Review the various forms of “fulfillment” that we see in the five references mentioned in the sermon (direct, multiple, typology, and allusion). How can a combination of all these (like in our text) create a strong sense of God at work? Which are the most important parts?
- 3) How does the genealogy with its three sets of 14 (the total of numbers corresponding to the letters in the name “David,” 4+6+4) fit into the overall “case” that these first two chapters are making for the plan of God in sending the Christ?
- 4) Have you ever been in a situation, like Joseph, when you needed to act righteously but also wanted to be merciful (not wanting to put Mary to shame)? How did the situation get resolved in your life?
- 5) “Do the next right thing.” As God revealed His will to Joseph, he did the next right thing, even though he didn't know the 3 or 4 next right things. Where in your life do you need to act and do the next right thing? How has thinking through all the contingencies confused your decision? How can we pray for you?

**QUESTIONS**  
to ponder

*The following readings will help prepare you for next week's message on the Birth Announcement:  
“The Shepherds --- From Fear to Faith”*

**DAILY SCRIPTURE**

MON	Dec 14	• Read <b>Luke 2:1-21</b> – <i>this is our key text for the week.</i>
TUE	Dec 15	• Read <b>John 1:1-28</b> – <i>how does this account of Christ's coming differ?</i>
WED	Dec 16	• Read <b>John 1:28-51</b> - <i>“Come and you will see.” Jesus invites us to come.</i>
THU	Dec 17	• Read <b>John 17</b> - <i>“Glory to God in the Highest” - note Jesus' pray about glory</i>
FRI	Dec 18	• Read <b>Hebrews 1:1 – 2:4</b> – <i>Don't neglect that the Son is great(er)!</i>
SAT	Dec 19	• Read <b>2 Peter 1</b> – <i>An eyewitness of His majesty, glory &amp; excellence.</i>
SUN	Dec 20	• Re-read <b>Luke 2:1-21</b> – <i>have you gone to “check out” Jesus?</i>



Let us ponder and celebrate the “Birth Announcements” surrounding the first advent (coming) of our Lord Jesus Christ.



December 13, 2009



**THE BIRTH  
ANNOUNCEMENT TO**

*Joseph*

Matthew 1-2,  
pages 807-808 in handout Bibles

God has a \_\_\_\_\_, intricately woven, \_\_\_\_\_ dimensional plan

Isaiah 7:14 _____ Fulfillment "Immanuel"	Micah 5:2 _____ Fulfillment "Bethlehem"	Hosea 11:1 T _____ "Out of Egypt"	Jeremiah 31:15 T _____ "Ramah"	_____ A _____ "Nazareth"
1:23	2:6	2:15	2:18	1:23

1:20-21	2:13	2:19-20	2:22
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DO THE \_\_\_\_\_

# MOST HIGH

