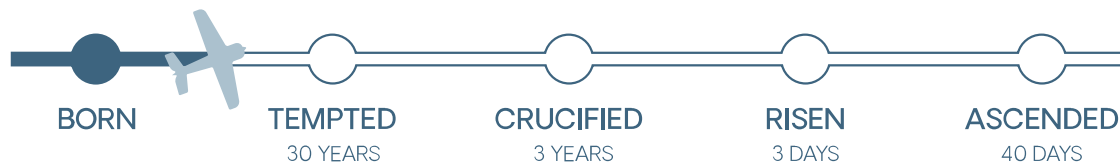




# Session 6: Born



## Preparation:

Read the 'Born' chapter in *Fly Through the Bible*.

📖 **Bible readings:** Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1: 26-55, Luke 2: 1-21.

## Introduction:

The leader can introduce the session by saying:

In the first five sessions of '*Fly Through the Bible Together*' we have seen how the Old Testament points to our need for a Saviour. The whole Bible is, in fact, about this Saviour King.

In today's session we will 'fly over' our Saviour being born as told by Luke. The virgin birth of Jesus was the first evidence that he is unlike any other person who has ever lived. Luke introduces us to the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Light of the Nations, our Incarnate Word. He is Jesus the Christ, our Creator God wrapped in the flesh of a man.

This 'birth story' is a dramatic one. There are cities filled to overflowing, a baby being born in an animal manger, angels appearing and visiting kings and shepherds. But most dramatic of all was the Saviour of the World coming down to earth to save us from sin, and doing it in the same body as ours. Let's open the Bible and explore Jesus being born.

First we are going to say a short prayer to ask God to work amongst us. Would someone be able to pray for us?

*[Suggested prayer if you need one: Lord, please be with us now as we come around your Word together. Please renew in each of us a joy in you, a joy in your presence journeying with us, and a joy in your Word. Please let us leave here today with encouragement in our hearts. Amen]*

## 📖 READ the Bible Together

Would anyone be happy to read a short passage of Scripture?  
Luke 2:1-20?

## 📺 WATCH 'Born' Together





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### EXPLORE the Bible Together

#### 'A Low Pass'

- What key historically important characters are mentioned in this passage? Why do you think they are mentioned?  
(a: Caesar Augustus, Quirinius governor of Syria, King David, God etc)
- What are the circumstances of the birth of Jesus?  
(a: various answers both 'spiritual' and circumstantial, it was not at home or in a home, firstborn son, wrapped in swaddling cloths, laid in a manger, no room at the inn, angels are involved etc)
- Who do the angels appear to and where? How do the Shepherds react to the appearance?  
(a: Shepherds in their normal work place 'out in the field' 'in the same region', 'they were filled with great fear')
- What is the 'good news' the angel brings? Why is this good news?  
(a: v. 10-12, the second person of the trinity you can think back to the first five sessions as to why this is good news...) (a: Christ the Saviour, God's people have been waiting for thousands of years for a Saviour, in human form, a Messiah who would bring God to earth and save them through faith and restore relationship with God)
- How do the shepherds respond?  
(a: 'GO... SEE... with HASTE..., FOUND, make KNOWN')

#### 'High Altitude Pass'

- What significance lies in the way in which Christ was born?  
(a: Christ's birth fulfils prophecies, Isaiah 7:14 for example, the details have wider significance- there are many examples, for example the shepherds lowly-women central to the story etc)
- The shepherds were those who lived outside communities. They were seen as lowly. But they were the first visitors to see the Christ child, the Creator King in human form. What does this suggest to you about God and the nature of the gospel?
- Does it surprise you that God chose shepherds to appear to? Why?
- The passage describes the angel coming down to earth, and then the heavenly host arriving. What does this remind us about who Christ is, and how does this encourage you today?
- How does the shepherd's response of 'GO... SEE... HASTE... FOUND and MAKE KNOWN' remind us of how good this news is today to all people?





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### ✈ 'Catching a Connection'

The birth of Jesus Christ fulfils many prophecies found in the Old Testament. This week why not take the time to read Isaiah 7, Isaiah 53: 1-5, and think back over all that you learned about our need for a Saviour in the Old Testament. What do the prophecies say, and how do you see them fulfilled in Christ?

### 🗨 PRAY Together

Let's turn to a verse of Charles Wesley and George Whitfield's reflective hymn to shape our prayers:

"Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel."<sup>1</sup>

In the birth of Christ was are given so much. We have seen today that we have been given Jesus Christ, our Saviour King in human form, by our generous Heavenly Father. Let's pray that our hearts grow to respond to the Gospel in a similar way to the Shepherds.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://hymnary.org/text/hark\\_the\\_herald\\_angels\\_sing\\_glory\\_to](https://hymnary.org/text/hark_the_herald_angels_sing_glory_to)

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