

I. Introduction: When Jesus came into the world people were frantically looking for a Messiah to lead them out of Roman oppression and bring them a Kingdom.

- A. The world we belong to is also living in a state of expectation that the future will hold greater things for them; people long for someone or something to put their hope in.

II. A State of Expectation (Luke 24:13-32).

A. Who Was Messiah? (**Gen 3:15**)

1. Jews in the time of Jesus should have known that Jesus was Messiah, but they didn't because they were ignorant, proud, and blinded by worldly ambitions.

B. Where Was Messiah From? (**Micah 5:2**)

1. When the Magi came from the east and asked where the Messiah was to be born, the religious Jews knew Micah had predicted He would be born in Bethlehem.

C. When Would Messiah Arrive? (**Dan 9:24-26**)

1. Daniel explained that Messiah would arrive approximately 500 years (483 yrs.) after the decree to restore and rebuild the city of Jerusalem.

D. What Was Messiah's Mission? (**Luke 24:25-27**)

1. Jesus came as the Messiah to fulfill God's ultimate plan, by being the One who would fix the brokenness of the fallen world and usher in lasting peace.

III Conclusion: Jesus came into the world at the exact moment God had predicted, was born exactly where God said He would, and accomplished all that God prophesied He would.

Questions About: A State of Expectation

1. What are you expecting right now? A package from Amazon? Arrival of family members? A new job? Getting married? A baby? Hoping to get pregnant? A new car? A new home?
2. What kind of expectation was there about the Messiah in Jesus' day? (**Luke 3:15**) What were some of the prevailing ideas about the Messiah? What were some misconceptions?
3. Where do we find the first mention of Messiah in the Bible? (**Gen 3:15**) What did this prophecy foresee? What other predictions were made about the Messiah's identity?
4. Which family was Messiah predicted to be born into? (**Gen 12:3; 17:19; 28:13-14; 49:10; Isa 11:1-2**) What did Isaiah prophesy about the Messiah? (**Isa 9:6; 50:6; 53:1-12**)
5. Where was Messiah predicted to come from? (**Micah 5:2; Matt 2:14-15, 23**) How did the Jews misunderstand this? (**John 7:40-44**) How was Jesus "from" three different places?
6. When did Daniel say the Messiah would arrive? (**Dan 9:24-26**) How does this eliminate all other's Messianic claims? What would happen to Messiah according to Daniel? (**v. 26**)
7. What was the Messiah's purpose for coming? (**Luke 24:25-27**) Why did Jesus say that "it was necessary for the Christ to suffer"? (**v. 26**) What did Jesus accomplish by coming?
8. How did He remove the curse? (**Gen 3:15**) Reveal the Father? (**John 1:18**) Redeem sinners? (**John 1:29**) Ransom the human race? (**Rom 5:14-15**) How will He rule the earth? (**Ps 2:7**)

Prayer

1. Will you pray that God would help you appreciate His plan of salvation in a new way?
2. Will you ask God to set your heart on fire, like the disciples' hearts were?