

The Angelic Proclamation

When have you ever felt excluded from a celebration? How did you feel?

Please read **Luke 2:10-11** before answering the following questions.

1. The Angel claimed to bring **good news of great joy**. Name three things, *other than Messiah's birth announcement*, that qualify as "good news" bringing "great joy" in your opinion.

2.
 - A. If Jesus came as a *Jewish* Messiah in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies made to Israel, why didn't Israel recognize Him? List as many reasons as you can think of (Cf. John 1:11).

 - B. Who are able to claim Jesus' Messianic promises? (John 1:12).

3.
 - A. Describe when **the true meaning** of Christmas first penetrated your heart.

 - B. Have you ever witnessed a contemporary retelling of the Gospel? What did you find *exciting*? What, if anything, did you find *unsettling*?

4.
 - A. Why was Jesus' **birthplace** so important? (Micah 5:2). For what is your birthplace or hometown best known?
 - B. Why did Jesus have to be a descendant of David? (2 Samuel 7:12-13).
5.
 - A. The angel said that Jesus was **born**. Why couldn't Jesus have just appeared *out of thin air* as a fully-grown adult? (Cf. Hebrews 2:14-16).
 - B. Was there anything unusual about Jesus' development as a human? (Cf. Luke 2:40). Explain your answer.
6. The Angel described Jesus as **Savior**. What did Jesus do to earn that title, and when did you receive Jesus as your personal *Savior*? (Cf. Titus 3:5-6).
7. What are the two additional **titles** attributed to Jesus at the end of v.11? What do they mean and what do they affirm about Jesus' nature?