

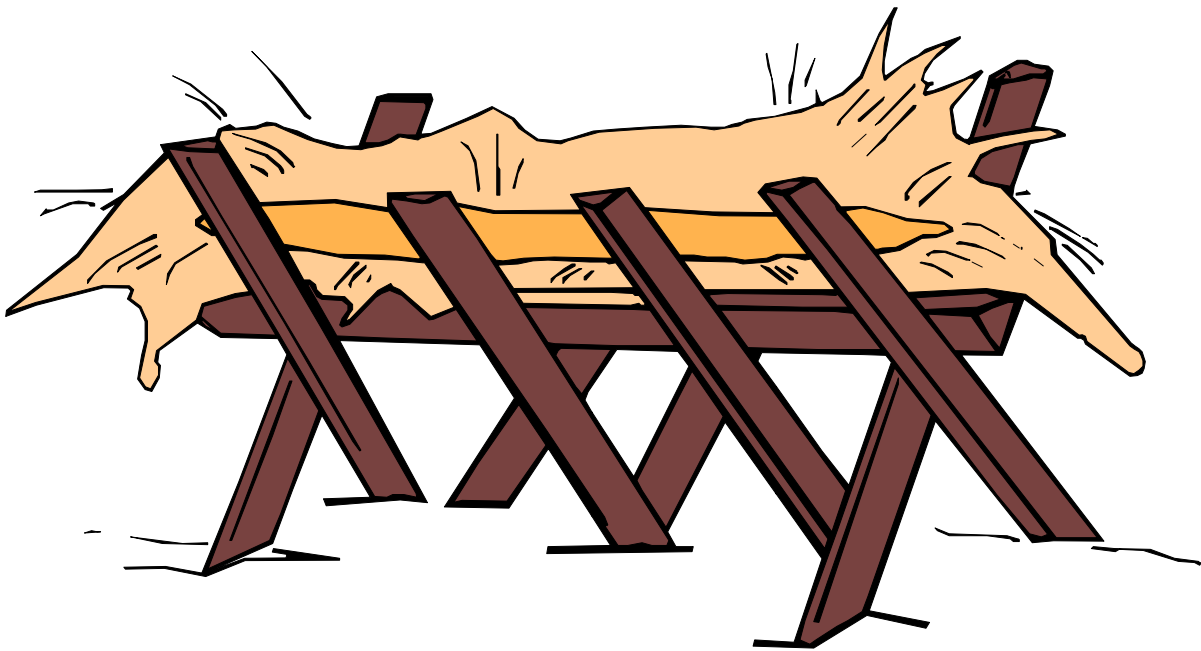
STUDY

Through the Bible

GOSPELS

Incarnation

Jesus: *birth*




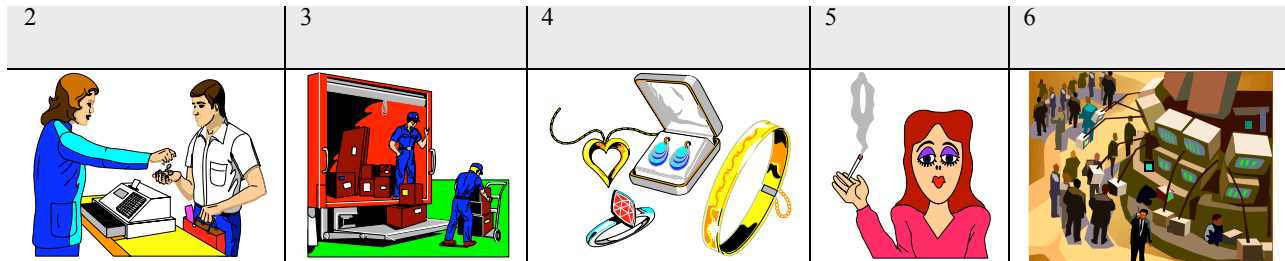
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Monday: Introduction

Have you ever heard the saying, “Only two things are certain in life—*death* and *taxes*”? Do you agree with it? Whether you do or not it is a fact that death has been around almost from the very beginning (Gen 4) and taxes have been a fact of life almost as long. What ‘levels’ of government do you pay taxes to these days? _____, _____, _____¹

 Write the following words above the correct picture to show what ‘kind’ of **tax** it is: *capital gains, income, luxury, sales, sin*.



Lest you think this has been forced unwillingly on you let’s examine another group of people in 1Sam 8:11-17 who were in the same situation.


 Fill in the blanks below to show how the **king** (government) would use Israel.

- **Armed services:** ¹¹And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your _____,⁷ and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his _____;⁸ and *some* shall _____.⁹ ¹²And he will appoint him _____¹⁰ over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to _____,¹¹ and to _____,¹² and to _____¹³ his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
- **Civil service:** ¹³And he will take your daughters *to be* _____,¹⁴ and *to be* _____,¹⁵ and *to be* _____.¹⁶
- **Foreclosure:** ¹⁴And he will take your _____,¹⁷ and your _____,¹⁸ and your _____,¹⁹ *even the best of them*, and give *them* to his servants.
- **Taxes:** ¹⁵And he will take the tenth of your _____,²⁰ and of your _____,²¹ and give to his officers, and to his servants.
- **Civil service:** ¹⁶And he will take your _____,²² and your _____,²³ and your goodliest _____,²⁴ and your _____,²⁵ and put *them* to his work.
- **Live stock:** ^{17a}He will take the tenth of your _____.²⁶ ...
- **Civil service:** ^{17b}... and ye shall be his _____.²⁷

Preview

This week you will study the birth of Jesus and the first people who were notified. But one thing they had in common with us is that they also had to pay taxes. And even worse than us they had to pay to a foreign government, not just the city, county, state and national taxes we pay. And on top of that you will see the inconvenience they were subjected to in order to register for the “privilege” of paying taxes.

Fact or Fiction

 Answer these questions to see how well you know the Christmas story (answers will be given in Lesson 1.9).

1. Was Mary already showing her pregnancy when she left Nazareth?
2. Did Mary ride on a donkey to Bethlehem?
3. Did the shepherds bring sheep with them?
4. Did three wise men come to see Jesus?
5. Did they ride on camels?
6. Were they kings?
7. Was one black (African), one white (European), and one yellow (Oriental)?
8. Did the wise men visit Jesus at the stable?


Bible Reading: Luke 2

Morning Meditation: Rom 13:7

 Write the *meditation verse* on a 3 X 5 card.

Tuesday: Decree: taxed

Luke 2 contains the details for the actual birth of Jesus. But before Luke gets to that event he lays out the *historical background*.

 Complete the table below showing *who* was ruling *where* (Luke 2:1-2)

Title:	28	29	_____ ³⁰ (Mt 2:1)
Name:	31	32	the “Great”
Place:	33	(Acts 18:1-2)	34
			Judaea

 Use the references below to show whom God used through legally (*decree*) to help Israel.

Reference	King	Decree
Ezra 5:13	³⁵	build the house of God
Ezra 6:8	³⁶	tribute money for the house of God
Ezra 7:13	³⁷	Jews may return to Israel
Ezra 7:21	³⁸	supplies for Ezra the priest
Ezra 7:24	³⁹	no tribute or custom on priests
Esther 8:14-16	⁴⁰	Jews may fight back

God also has many other tools at his disposal. And he doesn’t limit himself to only the “good” and “mighty” things. In fact, he just as often uses the “bad” and “weak” things of life.

 Fill in the blanks below to show *contrasting things* God used to accomplish do his work:


1. 1Kgs 22:22-23 2. 2Pet 1:21 3. Jonah 1:4 4. Matt 8:26 5. Gen 19:14 6. Gen 7:7
7. Num 22:22-35 8. 1Kgs 17:1-6 9. 1Sam 3 10. Jms 5:14 11. Ezra 6:8 12. 2Kgs 5:1-4.

Tool	Example	Tool	Example
1. _____ ⁴¹	Jehoshaphat	2. _____ ⁴²	holy men of God
storm	3. _____ ⁴³	4. _____ ⁴⁴	Jesus
5. _____ ⁴⁵	Sodom and Gomorrah	water	6. _____ ⁴⁶
7. _____ ⁴⁷	Balaam	ravens	8. _____ ⁴⁸
child	9. _____ ⁴⁹	10. _____ ⁵⁰	healed the sick
king	11. _____ ⁵¹	12. _____ ⁵²	Naaman healed

According to 1Cor 1:26-28 “not many _____ ⁵³ after the flesh, not many _____ ⁵⁴, not many _____ ⁵⁵, are called: But God hath chosen the _____ ⁵⁶ things of the

world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the _____⁵⁷ things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;²⁸ And _____⁵⁸ things of the world, and things which are _____,⁵⁹ hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are _____,⁶⁰ to bring to nought things that are”.²⁹ But the real question is *why* God uses seemingly insignificant things to accomplish his work. The answer is given in vs. 29, “That no flesh should _____⁶¹ in his presence.”


Finally, a **tax** was to be collected. Notice that this is a contrast to what Israel gave to God.

<p> Complete the table to show the contrast between _____⁶⁴ of the earth: <i>required</i> taxes (for Rome) and tithes (for God).</p>	<p>Tax: _____⁶² Matt 17:24-27</p>	<p>_____⁶³ sons Deut 12:11</p>
	<p>_____⁶⁴ of the earth: <i>required</i></p>	<p>_____⁶⁵ <i>readily</i></p>
	<p>_____⁶⁶ (Luke 5:27 <i>publicans</i>)</p>	<p>_____⁶⁷</p>
	<p>_____⁶⁸ (Matt 22:17-21 <i>Caesar</i>)</p>	<p>_____⁶⁹</p>

One of the problems today is that some people will do anything to **avoid** paying taxes. What ways can you think of that people try?⁷⁰ Paul gives four reasons it is required in Rom 13.

- **Vs. 1-2:** Avoid _____⁷¹
- **Vs. 3-4:** Avoid _____⁷²
- **Vs. 5-6:** _____⁷³
- **Vs. 7:** It is _____⁷⁴ them

Even worse, some people use religion as an excuse for it. Jesus was confronted with this issue in Matt 22:17-21. What was his response when the religious crowd asked, “Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?” _____⁷⁵

 Write ‘Joseph & Mary: *going to be taxed*’ for Luke 2:1-5 under *Event* on the **Harmony of the Gospels** outline.

Bible Reading: Gen 35

Meditation Verse: 1Cor 1:25

 Write the **meditation verse** on a 3 X 5 card.

 Review the previous **meditation verses**.

Wednesday: David's city: _____ 76

In vs. 3-5 Luke records *where* Joseph and Mary went to be taxed (fill in the blank above)—the city of David. Why did he need to go there (. 3)? _____ 77


What did that mean (vs. 4)? _____ 78

Why does Luke still call Mary Joseph's espoused wife?⁷⁹ Does "great with child" mean she was about to deliver (vs. 5)?⁸⁰

Bethlehem has a rich and varied *history* which reveals its significance in the Bible.


- **Gen 35:19**— _____⁸¹ died and was buried there (also called _____,⁸² and _____⁸³—Ruth 4:11).
- **Ruth 2:4**— _____⁸⁴ and _____⁸⁵ lived there (great-grandparents of David).
- **1Sam 17:15**— _____⁸⁶ grew up there.

It was also the subject of an important *prophecy* in the Bible.

 Put a check in the column if the priests and scribes in Matt 2 included that part of *Micah 5:2*.

Micah 5:2	Matt 2:6
little among Judah	
ruler comes from thee	
from everlasting (eternal)	

Why did they leave that part out?⁸⁷

 Draw a line on the map from where Joseph and Mary *left* to where they *went*.

Bible Reading: John 1

Meditation Verse: Luke 2:4-5

 Write the *meditation verse* on a 3X5 card.

 Review the previous *meditation verses*.



T hursday: *Delivered*

Luke continues his record in Luke 2:6-7 with a few details about the birth of Jesus.


- **Vs. 6:** Did Mary give birth *soon* after arriving?⁸⁸
- **Vs. 7:** What did she *do* for the baby?⁸⁹ _____ ⁹⁰

Ezek 16:4 seems to indicate that this was a common practice after the birth of a child: the umbilical cord (navel) was _____,⁹¹ the infant was _____,⁹² rubbed with _____,⁹³ and then wrapped in _____⁹⁴ clothes. Where was his ‘*bed*’ (Luke 2:7)? _____⁹⁵

This could refer to either a feeding bin (*crib*—Prov 14:4) or a *stall* (Luke 13:15).


The lowly birth of Jesus was only the beginning of the ‘poverty’ which continued throughout his earthly ministry. He constantly relied on God (through others) to supply what he needed.

Reference	NO ...
Luke 2:7	⁹⁶ in the inn
Luke 8:2-3	⁹⁷ (income)
Matt 8:20	place to lay his ⁹⁸
Matt 21:1-3	⁹⁹ to ride
Matt 27:57-60	_____ ¹⁰⁰ for burial

 Complete the table showing what Jesus *didn't* have.

 Write ‘*Birth of Jesus*’ for Luke 2:6-7 Event on the *Harmony of the Gospels* outline.

The essence of the incarnation can only be fully understood as the portrait of Jesus is painted throughout the gospels. But John 1:14 gives a quick thumbnail of what it means.

 Fill in the blanks below to show how Jesus’ *deity* (in heaven) was revealed in his *humanity* (on earth).

God: in heaven	Man: on earth
<i>John 1:1</i> In the beginning was the Word,	<i>John 1:14</i> And the Word was made _____, ¹⁰¹
and the Word was with God,	and _____ ¹⁰² among us,
and the Word was God.	(and we beheld his _____, ¹⁰³ the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) _____ ¹⁰⁴

And the Word was made flesh

In order to reveal himself in the highest possible form, God took on a human _____¹⁰⁵ (Heb 10:5) so he could be made in the _____¹⁰⁶ (Phil 2:7). That’s one reason why at Jesus’ birth the angels declared “Glory to God in the *highest*”.

And dwelt among us

Contrary to popular belief, Jesus did not simply walk into a place, preach a sermon, convert everyone, and leave.

Analysis

True or False: Jesus built trust through long-term relationships by:¹⁰⁷

- 1) working entirely within an area less than 50 miles wide and 300 miles long (Israel);
- 2) returning to the same places many times;
- 3) remaining in a place for several days;
- 4) spending most of his time with the apostles—not the disciples, not the multitudes.

This runs contrary to American culture where people no longer have time to share meals, social activities, vacations, shopping, entertainment, exercise, walks, leisurely chats, etc. This is reflected in fast-food ministries that run ‘disciples’ in and out of programs faster than the drive-through lane at McDonald’s, but rarely deal with them on a personal level. Then we wonder why our ministry lacks power and why our disciples fade out. It’s because we don’t spend enough time with them.

And we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father

The glory of Jesus was that he was not just any man. He was the only _____¹⁰⁸ (physically fathered by God) Son of God (John 3:16), who took ‘the *Word*’ and made it come ‘alive’. No other human can make that claim. This is why he claimed to be _____¹⁰⁹ with God (John 10:30).

Full of grace and truth

This glory is expressed in two ways:


Grace: New Testament	Truth: Old Testament
Love: <i>drawn</i>	Law: <i>driven</i>
1. _____ ¹¹⁰ <i>acceptance</i>	2. _____ ¹¹¹ <i>accuse</i>
Power of God:	
_____ ¹¹² (Acts 1:8)	Holy Bible—_____ ¹¹³ (Rom 1:16)


- **Love versus Law**

New Testament: God’s *grace* is shown through his *love*. That’s why people were *drawn* to Jesus—in response to his 1. _____¹¹⁴ (Matt 20:29-34). It was the evidence of God’s *acceptance* of them.

Old Testament: God’s *truth* is shown through the *law*. The people were *driven* away from sin by God’s 2. _____¹¹⁵ (Rom 8:1). It is the evidence of God’s *accusation* against the people as illustrated by the Ten Commandments.

- **Drawn versus Driven**

 Complete the table below with the following words to show how they **draw** you to God (physically, socially, spiritually): *forgiveness, love, pleasure*.

 Complete the table below with the following words to show how they **drive** you away from sin (physically, socially, spiritually): *guilt, loneliness, pain*.

Drawn		
116	117	118
Physical	Social	Spiritual
119	120	121
Driven		

Meditation Verse: John 1:14

 Write the **meditation verse** on a 3 X 5 card.

 Review the previous **meditation verses**.

Friday: Shepherds

Finally, in Luke 2:8-20 Luke records the details of the first visitors—lowly *shepherds*.



- **Vs. 8:** What phrase indicates this probably happened between April and October (before it got too cold)? _____
_____ ¹²²
- **Vs. 9:** Who *appeared* to them? _____ ¹²³ Which one do you think it probably was? _____ ¹²⁴ Why? ¹²⁵ What do you think the glory of the Lord looked like? _____ ¹²⁶ How did they *react*? _____ ¹²⁷
- **Vs. 10:** What were the angel's *first words* (as usual)? _____ ¹²⁸ What did he give to comfort them? _____ ¹²⁹ Was the good news only for Israel? ¹³⁰
- **Vs. 11:** What was the good news? _____ ¹³¹ What were Jesus' three *titles* (table below)? How did he become *Lord* and *Christ* (Acts 2:36)? _____
_____ ¹³² What does he *give* to those who receive his as Savior and Lord (table below)?

Office	King	Prophet	Priest
Titles	¹³³	Jesus	¹³⁴ ¹³⁵
Gift	¹³⁶ (Col 3:24)		¹³⁷ (Rom 3:23)






- **Vs. 12:** What was the *sign* (the unusual part)? _____ ¹³⁸
Why did they need it (1Cor 1:22)? _____ ¹³⁹
- **Vs. 13-14:** What does "*heavenly host*" refer to? _____ ¹⁴⁰ (Dan 8:10) But the real "host" is whom? _____ ¹⁴¹ (1Kgs 22:19-21) What is their *task*? 1. *Heaven*: _____ ¹⁴²
(Ps 148:2) 2. *Earth*: _____ ¹⁴³ (Heb 1:14)

Write 'Proclamation by the Angels' for Luke 2:8-14 under *Event* on the *Harmony of the Gospels* outline.


- **Vs. 15-16:** How did the shepherds *respond* to the news? _____ ¹⁴⁴
Did they doubt the news? ¹⁴⁵ What was their *relationship to God*? _____ ¹⁴⁶ Did they take their time getting there? _____ ¹⁴⁷ Why did God reveal the good news to shepherds first? ¹⁴⁸

- **Vs. 17:** Did they keep the good news to themselves?¹⁴⁹
- **Vs. 18:** How did others *respond* to the news? _____¹⁵⁰ How do you know others didn't *believe* like the shepherds did?¹⁵¹ Why didn't they believe?¹⁵²
- **Vs. 20:** What was the *final effect* on the shepherds? _____¹⁵³
What *two ways* did they receive God's message? _____ and _____¹⁵⁴

This same pattern can be seen throughout the Bible (and real life as well). It pictures the difference in how people learn: some can hear and believe, others need to see before believing.



-  Write *hear* or *see* in the 1st row of the table below to show the *two ways people learn*.
-  Write *manna* or *10 commandments* in the 3rd row for the *O.T examples* of the two ways.
-  Write *wisdom & sign* in the 4th row to show the *cultural differences* (1Cor 1:22).
-  Use the verses in the 5th row to fill in the blanks for *disciples* who illustrate each type.
-  Use the verses in the 6th row for examples of people who *didn't* believe.

_____ : ¹⁵⁵ <i>left brain</i>	_____ : ¹⁵⁶ <i>right brain</i>
Second hand: evidence	First hand: eyewitness
Verbal: _____ ¹⁵⁷	Visual: _____ ¹⁵⁸
Greeks: _____ ¹⁵⁹	Jews: _____ ¹⁶⁰
_____ ¹⁶¹ (John 1:45-50)	_____ ¹⁶² (John 20:24-29)
_____ ¹⁶³ (John 18:37-38)	_____ ¹⁶⁴ (John 6:36)

-  Write 'Shepherds visit Jesus' for Luke 2:15-20 under *Event* on the *Harmony of the Gospels* outline.

Bible Reading: 2Th 2

Meditation Verse: Luke 2:10-11

-  Write the *meditation verse* on a 3 X 5 card.
-  Review the previous *meditation verses*.

Sunday: Mary marvels

Luke 2:19 records Mary's *response* to the visit by the shepherds: But Mary _____¹⁶⁵ all these things, and _____¹⁶⁶ them in her heart.

Sometimes the best response is no response at all—just simply *think* about what has happened. Even though some people are more prone to *act* than *think*, contemplation is highly regarded in the Bible. What is the most common term used for contemplation? _____¹⁶⁷ It's similar to the four compartments in a cow's stomach. Every time the food goes into a different part the cow gets more nourishment from it. In the same way, if we "chew the cud" of God's word regularly (meditate) we will extract more and more nourishment from it.



Fill in the blanks with the word(s) from the verses that show **how** to meditate.

- _____¹⁶⁸ Phil 4:8 (use it or lose it)
- _____¹⁶⁹ Eph 5:18-19 (schizophrenic conversation)
- _____¹⁷⁰ Psalm 143:5 (very entertaining)
- _____¹⁷¹ Luke 2:19 (it didn't start on *Bonanza*)
- _____¹⁷² 2Tim 2:7 (be considerate)



Fill in the blanks with the following words to show **what** you should meditate on: *God, godly teaching, God's word, God's works*.

- Psalm 63:6— _____¹⁷³
- Psalm 119:48— _____¹⁷⁴
- Psalm 77:11— _____¹⁷⁵
- 1Tim 4:1-15— _____¹⁷⁶

What are some "dead" times during the day when you can meditate?¹⁷⁷

Conclusion

The glorious thing about Jesus' birth is also what caused the most controversy—he was fully God and fully man at the same time (*Son of God* and *Son of man*). That's one reason why God verified it so many times in scripture.




Use the verses in the table below to show that **Jesus** (humanity) **IS God** (deity).

Vs.	Deity: Son of God	Humanity: Son of man
John 1:14	_____ ¹⁷⁸ ... of the Father	was made _____ ¹⁷⁹ only _____ ¹⁸⁰
Phil 2:5-8	in the _____ ¹⁸¹ _____ ¹⁸³ with God	the form of a _____ ¹⁸² made in the _____ ¹⁸⁴ in _____ ¹⁸⁵
1Tim 3:16	_____ ¹⁸⁶	manifest (shown) in the _____ ¹⁸⁷

<p>Heb 1:1-14</p>	<p>the _____¹⁸⁹ of <i>his</i> glory</p> <p>(vs 8) O _____¹⁹⁴</p> <p>(vs 10) _____¹⁹⁷</p> <p>(vs 11) thou _____¹⁹⁸</p> <p>(vs 12) thy years shall not _____¹⁹⁹</p>	<p><i>his</i> _____¹⁸⁸</p> <p>the _____¹⁹⁰ of his person</p> <p>Thou art my _____¹⁹¹</p> <p>I have _____¹⁹² thee</p> <p>(vs 5) _____¹⁹³</p> <p>the _____¹⁹⁵</p> <p>(vs 8) the _____¹⁹⁶</p>
<p>Heb 2:14-18</p>		<p>partaker of _____²⁰⁰</p> <p>took on <i>him</i> the _____²⁰¹</p> <p>made like unto <i>his</i> _____²⁰²</p> <p>merciful and faithful _____²⁰³</p> <p>suffered _____²⁰⁴</p>

Unfortunately, many religious cults today claim to believe in God but then they deny that Jesus is God in the flesh. Most Christians don't understand that this is not just some minor detail that can be overlooked but the essential element of biblical Christianity. 1Jn 2:18-27 clearly shows that this doctrine is an indication it is the _____²⁰⁵.

 Use the verses in the table below to show the contrast between *false believers* and *faithful brethren*.

<p>False believers</p>	<p>Faithful brethren</p>
<p>¹⁹They _____²⁰⁶, because they did not _____²⁰⁷ with us but went _____²⁰⁸ (from us), that they might be made manifest that they were not all _____²⁰⁹.</p>	<p>²⁰But ye have an _____²¹⁰ [<i>anointing</i>—vs. 27] from the Holy One, and ye _____²¹¹ all things. ²¹I have not written unto you because ye know not the _____²¹², but because ye know it, and that no _____²¹³ is of the _____²¹⁴.</p>
<p>²²Who is a _____²¹⁵ but he that denieth that Jesus is the _____?²¹⁶ He is _____ - _____,²¹⁷ that denieth the Father and the Son. ^{23a}Whosoever denieth the _____,²¹⁸ the same hath not the _____.²¹⁹ ...</p>	<p>^{23b} ... (<i>but</i>) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. ²⁴Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the prom-</p>

	<p>ise that he hath promised us, <i>even</i> _____²²⁰.</p> <p>²⁶These <i>things</i> have I written unto you concerning them that _____²²¹ you. ²⁷But the _____²²² [same Greek word as <i>unction</i>—vs. 20] which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.</p>
	<p>1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but _____²²³ the spirits whether they are of _____²²⁴ because many _____²²⁵ are gone out into the world.</p> <p>²Hereby know ye the _____²²⁶ Every spirit that confesseth that _____²²⁷ is come in the _____²²⁸ is of God:</p>
<p>³And every spirit that confesseth not that _____²²⁹ is come in the _____²³⁰ is not of God: and this is that <i>spirit</i> of _____²³¹ whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.</p>	<p>⁴Ye are of _____²³² little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in _____²³³ than he that is in the _____²³⁴.</p>
<p>⁵They are of the _____²³⁵ therefore speak they of the _____²³⁶, and the _____²³⁷ heareth them.</p>	<p>⁶We are of _____²³⁸ he that knoweth God _____²³⁹ us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of _____²⁴⁰ and the spirit of _____²⁴¹.</p>

John mentions the antichrist 2Jn :7 but this time he uses a descriptive *synonym* for him—
 _____²⁴² The two words are connected because one sign of the end times (last time, tribulation) is the deception that accompanies it. Jesus warned in Matt 24:24, “For there shall arise _____²⁴³ and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; in-
 somuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall _____²⁴⁴ the very elect.”

Paul gives a much more detailed account of the antichrist in 2Th 2:1-12.

- **Vs. 1:** What two *events* does Paul refer to? _____,

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- **Vs. 2:** *When* will these two events happen? _____²⁴⁶ What phrase shows they thought the day of Christ had already come? _____²⁴⁷
- **Vs. 3:** What does Paul *warn* them not to be _____²⁴⁸ What must happen first (before the day of Christ)? 1. _____ (among believers),²⁴⁹ 2. _____ (to all people)²⁵⁰ What other *titles* does he have? (vs 3) _____²⁵¹ (vs 8) _____²⁵²
- **Vs. 4:** What is his ultimate *goal*? _____²⁵³ What *name* does he have in Isa 14:12-14 (before his fall from heaven)? _____²⁵⁴
- **Vs. 6-7:** What is *withholding* him? _____²⁵⁵ (Gen 6:3?) Since the mystery of godliness is God manifest in the flesh (1Tim 3:16) what is the *mystery of iniquity*? _____²⁵⁶
- **Vs. 8:** How is the antichrist (Wicked) *defeated*? _____²⁵⁷
- **Vs. 9:** What *work* will he do? _____²⁵⁸ Where does he get his *ability* from? _____²⁵⁹
- **Vs. 10:** What is his *effect on unbelievers*? _____²⁶⁰ Why are they *vulnerable to deception*? _____²⁶¹
- **Vs. 11:** How will God respond? _____²⁶²
- **Vs. 12:** What is their final *judgment*? _____²⁶³ Why? _____²⁶⁴

Key

- 1 City, state, national
- 2 sales
- 3 income
- 4 luxury
- 5 sin
- 6 capital gains
- 7 sons
- 8 horsemen
- 9 run before his chariots
- 10 captains
- 11 ear his ground
- 12 reap his harvest
- 13 make
- 14 confectionaries
- 15 cooks
- 16 bakers
- 17 fields
- 18 vineyards
- 19 oliveyards
- 20 seed
- 21 vineyards
- 22 menservants
- 23 maidservants
- 24 young men
- 25 asses
- 26 sheep
- 27 servants
- 28 Caesar
- 29 governor
- 30 Herod
- 31 Augustus
- 32 Cyrenius
- 33 Rome, Italy
- 34 Syria
- 35 Cyrus
- 36 Darius
- 37 Artaxerxes
- 38 Artaxerxes
- 39 Artaxerxes
- 40 Ahasuerus
- 41 lying spirit
- 42 holy Ghost
- 43 Jonah
- 44 calm
- 45 fire
- 46 Noah
- 47 ass
- 48 elijah
- 49 Samuel
- 50 elders
- 51 Darius
- 52 maid
- 53 wise men
- 54 mighty
- 55 noble

56 foolish
57 weak
58 base
59 despised
60 not
61 glory
62 strangers
63 tithe
64 kings
65 God
66 custom
67 sacrifices
68 tribute
69 offerings
70 tax schemes, lie, don't file, "charitable" giving
71 damnation from God
72 wrath of the power
73 Conscience
74 due
75 It belongs to Caesar
76 Bethlehem
77 it was his own city
78 he was of the house and lineage of David
79 in a way she still was only espoused—they hadn't "come together" yet (sexual relations)—but they probably had
already been legally married
80 it only means she was *pregnant* (Ps 78:71)
81 Rachel
82 Ephrath
83 Ephratah
84 Boaz
85 Ruth
86 David
87 they may not have thought it applied; they didn't understand that the Messiah would also be God in the flesh (ev-
erlasting)?
88 Probably not—while they were there
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90 wrapped him in swaddling clothes
91 cut
92 washed
93 salt
94 swaddling
95 manger
96 room
97 substance
98 head
99 Ass
100 tomb
101 flesh
102 dwelt
103 glory
104 grace and truth
105 body
106 likeness of men
107 all true
108 begotten
109 one
110 compassion
111 condemnation

112 Holy Ghost
113 gospel
114 compassion
115 condemnation
116 Pleasure
117 Love
118 Forgiveness
119 Pain
120 Loneliness
121 Guilt
122 abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night
123 the angel of the Lord
124 Gabriel
125 he also appeared to Zacharias, Mary and Joseph—he was the official messenger
126 star (Matt 2:1)
127 afraid
128 Fear not
129 I bring you good tidings of great joy
130 all people
131 the Savior is born
132 God made him
133 Lord
134 Christ
135 Savior
136 inheritance
137 eternal life
138 lying in a manger
139 the Jews require a sign
140 stars
141 angels (spirit)
142 praise God
143 ministry to the saints
144 went to Bethlehem
145 no
146 Lord
147 with haste
148 lowly shepherds should be the first to see the Lamb of God?
149 no, made known abroad the saying
150 wondered
151 they didn't go see the babe, only wondered
152 perhaps shepherds are less convincing than angels
153 glorified and praised God
154 heard and seen
155 Hear
156 See
157 10 commandments
158 manna
159 wisdom
160 sign
161 Nathaniel
162 Thomas
163 Pilate
164 Jews
165 kept
166 pondered
167 meditate
168 think
169 speaking to yourselves

170 muse
171 pondered
172 consider
173 God
174 God's word
175 God's works
176 godly teaching
177 Shower, walking to and from the car, washing dishes, computer crashes
178 Word
179 flesh
180 begotten
181 form of God
182 servant
183 equal
184 likeness of men
185 fashion as a man
186 God
187 flesh
188 Son
189 brightness
190 express image
191 Son
192 begotten
193 Son
194 God
195 firstbegotten
196 Son
197 Lord
198 remainest
199 fail
200 flesh and blood
201 seed of Abraham
202 brethren
203 high priest
204 being tempted
205 last time
206 were not of us
207 continue with us
208 went out
209 of us
210 unction
211 know
212 truth
213 lie
214 truth
215 liar
216 Christ
217 antichrist
218 Son
219 Father
220 eternal life
221 seduce
222 anointing
223 try
224 God
225 false prophets
226 Spirit of God
227 Jesus Christ

228 flesh
229 Jesus Christ
230 flesh
231 antichrist
232 God
233 you
234 world
235 world
236 world
237 world
238 God
239 heareth
240 truth
241 error
242 deceiver
243 false Christs
244 deceive
245 the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our gathering together unto him,
246 the day of Christ
247 at hand
248 deceived
249 a falling away
250 man of sin revealed
251 son of perdition
252 Wicked
253 wants to be worshipped as God
254 Lucifer
255 holy Spirit
256 Satan (vs 9) manifest in the flesh—a physical child = the antichrist
257 the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and destroy with the brightness of his coming
258 power and signs and lying wonders
259 Satan
260 all deceivableness of unrighteousness
261 received not the love of the truth
262 send them strong delusion
263 damned
264 believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness