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STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

The story of Jesus Christ is a unique one because *He* is unique. No one else has ever been virgin-born. No one else could ever have paid for the sin of mankind by his death. No one else has risen from the dead, never to die again. No one else will ever reign as King over the whole earth.

This course, which highlights Jesus' life on earth, will help you see why Jesus deserves your worship, love, praise, and allegiance.

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Course Components

This course has two parts: this study course and the exam booklet.

How To Study

This study has twelve chapters, and each chapter has its own exam. Begin by asking God to help you understand the material. Read the chapter through at least twice, once to get a general idea of its contents and then again, slowly, looking up any Bible references given.

Begin studying immediately, or if you are in a group, as soon as the group begins. We suggest that you keep a regular schedule by trying to complete at least one chapter per week.

Exams

In the exam booklet there is one exam for each chapter (exam 1 covers chapter 1 of the course). Do not answer the questions by what you think or have always believed. The questions are designed to find out if you understand the material given in the course.

After you have completed each chapter, review the related exam and see how well you know the answers. If you find that you are having difficulty answering the questions, review the material until you think you can answer the questions. It is important that you read the Bible passages referenced as some questions may be based on the Bible text.

How Your Exams Are Graded

Your instructor will mark any incorrectly answered questions. You will be referred back to the place in the course where the correct answer is to be found. After finishing this course with a passing average, you will be awarded a certificate.

If you enrolled in a class, submit your exam papers to the leader or secretary of the class who will send them for the entire group to the Correspondence School.

See the back of the exam booklet for more information on returning the exams for grading.

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JESUS IS BORN

“For there is born to you this day in the city of David [Bethlehem] a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

—Luke 2:11

Where the Story of Jesus Really Begins

The first four books of the New Testament (the Gospels)—written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—tell us the story of Jesus. However, we can also learn many things about Him from the many prophecies about His first coming recorded in the *Old Testament*.

The First Promise to Send a Savior (Read Genesis 3:15)

Satan, God’s arch enemy, succeeded in tempting Adam and Eve to sin when they disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Ever since then, every human being (except Jesus) has been born with a sinful nature. God is holy so He must judge sin. However, God is also love. In Genesis 3:15 God told the serpent (Satan) of a future conflict between him and Eve’s “Seed” when her Seed would defeat Satan, providing freedom for man from sin’s penalty, power, and presence. This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus Christ died on the cross and then rose from the dead (Heb. 2:14-15).

More Old Testament Prophecies

In Genesis 12:1-3 God promised a man called Abraham that he would father a great nation. God promised him, “In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” That nation was Israel, and Jesus was an Israelite,

a Jew. The salvation He would provide would bless people from *every* nation, not just Israel.

When David was King of Israel, God promised him that his dynasty would last forever (Ps. 89:34-36). Many times, God promised through His prophets that a day was coming when “a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth” (Jer. 23:5). The Jews were looking forward to reigning with God’s “Chosen One” (the meaning of the title “Messiah,” or *Christ*). But passages like Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 predicted that they would resist His authority and reject Him instead.

The Old Testament also predicted details of Messiah’s birth. Read Micah 5:2 where it tells about His birthplace, and Isaiah 7:14, about His virgin birth.

Mary Receives the News (Read Luke 1:26-38)

One day, about 2,000 years ago, the angel Gabriel visited a godly young Jewish woman called Mary and told her that she would conceive and bear a Son. However, Mary’s fiancé, Joseph, would not be the boy’s father! This baby would be fathered by the Holy Spirit in her virgin womb. He would be called the Son of God because He was God the Son in a human body (John 1:1, 14). They were to name Him *Jesus*, which meant “Savior from sin” (Matt. 1:21).

Jesus Is Born (Read Luke 2:1-7)

Shortly before Mary was due to deliver, she and Joseph left Nazareth to go to Bethlehem to be counted in the Roman census. While they were there, baby Jesus was born. Bethlehem was so crowded that the only place they could find shelter was in a stable. Jesus’ first bed was an animal feeding trough!

Local Shepherds Worship Jesus (Read Luke 2:8-20)

On the night Jesus was born, an angel suddenly appeared in a blazing light right in front of some shepherds out in the fields near Bethlehem. The angel told them not to be afraid for he had wonderful news—the promised Messiah for whom Israel had been waiting had been born! After learning where to find this special newborn Child, the shepherds hurried off. They

found Him just as the angel had said. The shepherds praised God and told everyone they met about all they had heard and seen.

Wise Men from Afar Worship Jesus (Read Matthew 2:1-12)

About two years later, some wise (educated) men traveled many miles to Israel. They were following a strange star in the sky. Somehow they knew that it meant that the King of the Jews had been born. They looked for Him first in Israel's capital city of Jerusalem, but the star led them right to the house where Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were living in Bethlehem. When they saw Jesus the wise men bowed down and worshipped Him. They gave Him precious gifts because they recognized Him for who He was: the King of the Jews.

The promised Savior—*Christ Jesus the Lord*—had come!

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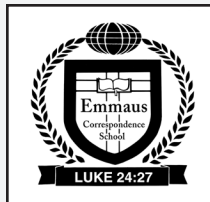
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A NOTE ON THE EXAMS

The exams are designed to check your knowledge of the course material and the Scriptures. After you have studied a chapter, review the exam questions for that lesson. If you have difficulty in answering the questions, re-read the material. If questions contain a Scripture reference, you may use your Bible to help you answer them. If your instructor has provided a single page Answer Sheet, record your answer on that sheet. This exam contains the following types of questions:

MULTIPLE CHOICE

You will be asked to write in the letter of the correct answer at the space on the right. Here is an example:

The color of grass is

- A. blue
- B. green
- C. yellow

 B

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Questions headed this way are designed to help you express your ideas and feelings. You may freely state your own opinions in answer to such questions.

RETURNING THE EXAM

See the back of this exam booklet for instructions on returning your exam for grading.

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CHAPTER 1 EXAM

JESUS IS BORN

EXAM GRADE _____

Before starting this exam, write your name and address on the front of this Exam Booklet.

Directions: Read each question carefully and write the letter of the correct answer in the blank space on the right. Use the separate answer sheet if provided.

1. There are _____ prophecies about the first coming of Jesus in the Old Testament?
 A. few
 B. many
 C. thousands

2. God's first promise to send a Savior from the effects of sin was given to
 A. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden
 B. Noah and his family in the ark during the Flood
 C. Abraham, in Ur

3. God promised that the Savior would come into the world through the family of
 A. Abraham
 B. Moses
 C. Elijah

4. The title *Messiah*, or *Christ*, means
 A. Holy One
 B. Divine One
 C. Chosen One

5. Jesus was born about
 A. 1,000 years ago
 B. 2,000 years ago
 C. 3,000 years ago

6. Who told Mary she was going to become the mother of God's Son?

- A. the archangel Michael
- B. the angel Gabriel
- C. a chorus of angels

7. The name *Jesus* means

- A. Savior
- B. Christ
- C. King

8. Joseph and Mary left *Nazareth* to

- A. escape from the king
- B. visit her cousin Elizabeth
- C. register for the Roman-ordered census

9. After some shepherds saw baby Jesus they

- A. told many others about their experience
- B. went to find the wise men
- C. bought Jesus a present

10. Wise men followed a star in the sky and found the young child Jesus

- A. in Jerusalem
- B. in Bethlehem
- C. in Nazareth

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Why is it so important to know about the prophecies about Jesus Christ?
