

Why was Jesus born in a manger?

Many do not realize that Micah prophesied that kingship would come to the "Daughter of Jerusalem" at Migdal Eder: Micah 4:8 "As for you, O watchtower of the flock [Hebrew *Migdal Eder*], O stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to the Daughter of Jerusalem."

Migdal Eder was a watchtower located in the northern part of Bethlehem built to protect the Temple flocks. During lambing season the sheep were brought there from the fields, as the lower level functioned as the birthing room for sacrificial lambs. Priestly shepherds would wrap the newborn lambs in swaddling clothes and place them in a manger until they calmed down to keep them without defect, suitable to be sacrificial lambs for the sin of the Israelites. Bethlehem was special because the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem raised lambs for the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. The shepherds who heard the angelic choir and came to see the baby Jesus were certainly familiar with the technique to birth a sacrificial lamb, and were likely puzzled by why a baby was birthed in the manner and location of a sacrificial lamb. In fact the angels did not have to tell the shepherds precisely where to go in Bethlehem to find Jesus, because there was only one manger where sacrificial lambs were birthed, the cave under the watch tower of Migdal Eder.

Before Jesus had taken his first breath God had decided that his life was to be given as a sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins. God testified to his intent by having Jesus be born in the manner and location of the sacrificial lambs of the temple just as the prophet Micah proclaimed.

<http://www.pas.rochester.edu/~tim/study/Why%20a%20manger.pdf>



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Welcome to First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill

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December 21, 2014

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Luke 2

¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Saviour**, which is **Christ the Lord**. ¹²And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

December 21, 2014 Merry Christmas

Opening prayer with the pastor ~ 9:30 am

Bible Study / Sunday School ~ 9:45 am

Morning Worship Service ~ 11:00 am

Welcome, Announcements

Worship in Prayer

Call to Worship

“What Can I give Him?”

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Invocation

Angels We Have Heard on High #95

O Little Town of Bethlehem #85

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #78

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Special Music



Christmas Cantata

“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”

God’s Message

Pastor Mike McVay

Response



Evening Worship Service ~ 6:00 pm

Worship in Music and Prayer

#90 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

#86 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

#99 Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Message from the Bible

Response

While most services are recorded, there is no video recording of the congregation or the invitation/response.

Weekly Schedule of Opportunities for Praise, Worship & Service

Sun-Sat	Visitation Every Day,	Any Time
Wednesday	Prayer and Bible Study	6:30 pm
Friday	Recreation Outreach	6:00 pm
1 st Sunday	Brotherhood Breakfast	7:00 am
Wed > 1 st Sunday	Business Meeting	7:15 pm
2 nd Tuesday	Group Bible Study & Fellowship	6:00 pm
3 rd Thursday	Care Givers Support Group	2:00 pm
Mon-Sat	Church Cleanup – signup in the Foyer	Any Time

Announcements



Lottie Moon collection now & all month of December for Foreign Missions

Mark your envelopes and checks for Lottie Moon.
\$125 collected so far



The Legend of the Candy Cane

Will be handed out following the morning service.

Special Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Good News Club

next club January 7th

Wednesdays 2:15pm – 3:45pm

Please see Pastor Mike or Patty to help

Helpers and Cooks needed for Recreation Fridays

Benefit for Katlyn Free ~ Heart Transplant

Designated Donations at morning offering

WE would LOVE to see YOU in Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am