

ETYMOLOGY AND DEFINITION

Christology study of Christ; nature and person of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Canonical gospels and the letters of the New Testament

about Jesus life (what he did and what he said)

Saint Paul major component of the Christology of the Apostolic Age was that of ____ which is the worship of Christ as *Kyrios* which means *The Lord*

Tender image of Jesus the middle ages also witnessed the emergence of the ____ as a friend and a living source of love and comfort

God became man and that God-made-man is the individual Jesus Christ the purpose of modern Christology is to formulate the Christian belief that

TWO WAYS OF STUDYING CHRIST

History thru Bible, books, teachings and writings

Theology study of the nature of the nature of God

TWO KINDS OF CHRISTOLOGY

christology from above focuses on pre-existent logos (word) who became man *Jesus Christ*; emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus Christ

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Christ-ology from Below flows from examination of Jesus Christ as presented in the synoptic gospels (matthew, mark luke); emphasizes the study of the life mission and the message of salvation brought about by Jesus Christ

the four gospels faith-documents ; collection of stories about Jesus' birth....

the early life of Jesus

the nativity of Jesus refers to the accounts of the births in two of the Canonical gospels

luke and matthew new testament accounts of the nativity Jesus appear only in the gospel of

in Matthew wise men follow a star bring gift to Jesus ; king Herod massacres all the toddler boys Bethlehem

Common truths affirmed by Matthew and Luke

Mary is the mother of Jesus

Joseph is the legal foster father of Jesus

Jesus is virginally conceived

Jesus is born of Abraham and descendant of David *Davidic blood*

Jesus spends his childhood in Nazareth

salvation brought by Jesus Christ main theme of Matthew and Luke gospels

LESSON 3

the nativity of Jesus accounts of the birth of Jesus

THE MYSTERIES OF THE INFANCY NARRATIVES

the genealogy of Jesus traces the family tree of Jesus

the announcement of John the Baptist's birth recalls the miraculous conception of John the Baptist

the annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary narrates the incarnation of the Son of God in the womb of Mary

the visit of Mary to Elizabeth an act of confirmation of the angelic words on the part of Mary

the birth of John the Baptist confirms John the Baptist significant role ; that is to be the prophet of the most high

the birth of Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah

the Circumcision of Jesus was done according to the law of Moses on the 8th day after his birth

the visits of the magi and the shepherds manifest Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, the Son of God and Savior not just for the Jews

the presentation of Jesus in the temple Jewish ritual of consecrating the first-born male child

the flight to Egypt recalls God's people's exile and anguish in the past in the land of Egypt

LESSON 3 (cont)

the massacre of the innocents

signifies the jesus' life will be a life of persecution

the return of the holy family to nazareth

begins the hidden years of jesus as an ordinary Jew who was obedient to the law of god

the losing and finding of the child jesus in the temple

shows jesus' total consecration and obedience to his mission that flows from his divine sonship

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