

God is Sovereign!

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## Shepherds And Magi

*“And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the **shepherds** said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.” (Luke 2:15)*

*“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came **wise men** from the east to Jerusalem, (2) Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to **worship him.**” (Matthew 2:1-2)*

God miraculously brought **lowly shepherds** to be the first visitors to the newborn King. He also brought **highly respected wise men** from ~ 500 or more miles away to **worship Jesus**.

God Sovereignly unites the lowest of humanity with the highest around King Jesus. This fact points to the reality that Jesus is the Savior for all people.

*“There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **bond nor free**, there is neither **male nor female**: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**” (Galatians 3:28)*

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Messiah Called Out Of Egypt

*“When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and **called my son out of Egypt.**” (Hosea 11:1)*

*“And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and **flee into Egypt**, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.” (Matthew 2:13)*

Who would have said that the Messiah would be called out of Egypt? **God would! God sovereignly** used king Herod and his threat against Jesus' life to orchestrate the fulfillment of Hosea's prophesy. Because Herod was going to kill all the infant boys, God told Joseph to take his family to Egypt for safety.

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## Conclusion: God Is In Control Of Everything

This brief examination of a few topics related to the birth of Jesus should clearly show us that God rules over all things without removing free will.

Rest assured, **God will accomplish His will!**

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Any genuine Christian does not question the sovereignty of God. However, the infinite manifestations of this attribute of God are often missed. The following observations will briefly overview, according to the Scriptures, some of the things God had to accomplish for the birth of Jesus to happen.

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## Joseph Moves To Nazareth

*“And all went to be taxed, every one into **his own city**. (4) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called **Bethlehem**; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)” (Luke 2:3-4)*

Joseph apparently was born in Bethlehem. When Caesar issued the taxation decree, Joseph had to return to **“his own city”** to obey the edict. This fact indicates that he was originally from Bethlehem.

This being the case, at some point, **Joseph moved to Nazareth**. The Bible does not tell us

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how God had arranged this relocation. Still, assuredly God did so. **Mary lived in Nazareth**, making it necessary for Joseph to likewise dwell in Nazareth. Suffice it to say God orchestrated (not forced) Joseph and Mary's lives so they would be where they needed to be.

In those days, that would have been almost miraculous. Transportation was not like today (no cars), and the trip was approximately 70 miles. Why would Joseph relocate to Nazareth? No one knows. But God made sure he was there for Mary. God is Sovereign!

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A Virgin Gets Pregnant

*"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a **virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**" (Isaiah 7:14)*

Completely miraculous! Virgins don't get pregnant, but this one did. God orchestrated everything perfectly so that the Messiah would be the **Son of God** and the **Son of man**.

*"But unto **the Son** he saith, Thy throne, **O God**, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."* (Hebrews 1:8)

*"And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the **Son of man.**"* (John 1:51)

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## Joseph Marries Mary

*"Then Joseph **her husband**, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily."* (Matthew 1:19)

God intervened in Joseph's life and told him not to divorce Mary. In Bible times, marrying a virgin was very important. They sought purity in their marriages, and almost no one would marry a pregnant woman...especially if the child were not their own.

**God is Sovereign** and made sure that this couple stayed together!

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The Birth Of John The Baptist

*"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the LORD**, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."* (Isaiah 40:3)

The Bible tells us that John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. Scripture also tells us that his parents were too old to have children. So, **God Sovereignly** moved on behalf of Zacharias and Elisabeth and gave them a son. Their son, John, prepared the way of the Lord.

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## Joseph Moves To Bethlehem (God Uses Taxes)

*"But thou, **Bethlehem Ephratah**, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."*

(Micah 5:2)

*"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world **should be taxed**. (2) (And this **taxing** was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into **his own city.**"* (Luke 2:1-3)

God prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Then God used Caesar Augustus to decree a taxation that required Joseph to move from Nazareth to Bethlehem. **God is Sovereign!**

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Jesus Was Born In Bethlehem

*"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. (7) And she **brought forth her firstborn son**, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."*

(Luke 2:6-7)

As prophesied by Micah, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. So **God worked it** out that Joseph met and married Mary and then moved to Bethlehem, where Jesus fulfilled prophesy by being born there.