

Preceded by a messenger

(John the Baptist)

Isaiah 40:3

A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

Read also Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

In His goodness, God always tells us ahead of time what He is going to do. He does not want us to miss His will. In the case of the birth of Jesus, He very much wanted us to know and recognize Jesus when he was born. Even the birth of John the Baptist was told

beforehand in the book of Isaiah. Later, John would warn people of the start of Jesus' earthly ministry. When God plans for every detail in advance, he proves how much He wants us to know Him and be with Him through our faith in Jesus.





Born of a virgin

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Read also Luke 1:26-56

When Adam sinned, the "seed" of sin was forever passed down from Adam to his children and so forth even to all of us. Since that time, all mankind have been born with the sinful nature. But Jesus was created in the womb of

a woman, Mary, who was a virgin, without the help of a natural man. This Immaculate Conception is an important 'sign" to our faith because it confirms that our Savior was indeed born without sin himself. Without sin, he did not need a savior himself, and since he was a righteous man, his blood was able to pay the price for our sins. The high price for

our salvation was the blood of one righteous - sinless - man.





Promised as the Seed of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the tribe of Judah

Genesis 12:3

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 17:19, Numbers 24:17, Genesis 49:10

Read also Matthew 1:1-25

See how many Bible names you recognize in this chapter. Many of the wonderful people we study in the Old Testament are actually Jesus' relatives!

The Bible records the family tree of Jesus so precisely so that we can know that Jesus is truly the son of man and the Son of God, promised so long ago, and in agreement with the promises God

made to Eve and to Abraham and every faithful covenant partner of God. God never changes, and that same God walks in that same faithfulness to us now that we are in agreement with Him.

