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**Sermon Notes**  
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**Rightly Dividing Christmas**  
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| **The Boyhood of Jesus** |

**Virgin Birth, of course!**

* **Matthew 1:18*- Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.***

**He was worshipped as a young child!**

* **Matthew 2:11: *And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him:***
* Wasn't a baby then!
  + Read the rest about Herod and children 2 years and younger...
* Hello?

**But as a sign?**

* **Isaiah 7:14** - ***Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.***
* We know the Jews always required signs in order to believe:
  + **1 Corinthians 1:22: *For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:***
    - **Exodus 31:13**- keeping sabbaths
    - **Numbers 26:10 -**earth swallowed them up with Korah / fire devoured 250
    - **Joshua 4:6 -**stones
    - **Jeremiah 44:29 -**a punishment
    - **Ezekiel 20:12 -**sabbaths
    - **Ezekiel 20:20 -**sabbaths
    - **Ezekiel 24:24 -**Ezekiel himself
    - **Ezekiel 24:27 -**more of Ezekiel's testimony for a sign
  + **Isaiah 7:14** - ***Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.***
  + but look at **verses 15-16**, too...
    - **15: *Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.***

**16: *For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.***

* Is that "Jesus?"
  + 500 years later...
    - **Matthew 1:18-21**
    - **Matthew 1:22,23**
  + Must be, eh!
* Look at **15, 16** again.
  + ***...that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good***
    - Jesus had to learn that?
  + See **Deuteronomy 1:39** - kids all had to learn...
    - twenty & up
      * **Exodus 30:14** - give an offering
      * **Numbers 1:3**- go to war
      * **Numbers 14:29** - wilderness journey

**The Young Child Jesus**

Does **vs 15,16** apply to the young child Jesus?  (**Verses 15,16**?)

**A Holy Child?**

* **Acts 4:27 - *For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,***
* **Acts 4:30 - *By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.***
  + from virgin birth?
  + small 'h' for holy
* **Luke 2:23 - *: (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)***
  + openeth the womb - first born
  + **Exodus 13:2 - *Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.***
  + **Ezekiel 20:26 - *And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.***
    - Wilderness children grew up and still rebelled anyway
      * **Ezekiel 20:5-26+**

**The parents did right for Jesus!**

* **Luke 2:21-24 - *And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.***
* **Luke 2:39 - *And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.***

**Then the young child Jesus..**. (you know the story: **Luke 2:40-52**)

* **verse 40**
  + grew
  + waxed strong in spirit
  + filled with wisdom
  + grace of God upon him
* **verse 51**
  + subject to the parents
* **verse 52**
  + increased in wisdom
  + increased in stature
  + increased in favour with God and man

**Then, He began His ministry about at 30 years old**

* **Luke 3:21-23 - *Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,  And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,***
* **Luke 4:1 - *And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,***

**Was Jesus the "Holy" Child or did he have to learn...?**

* Holy from being the first born?
* Holy in conception?
* In His birth as a child and his doings, nothing recorded, recognized, imputed etc.?
  + **Romans 4:15 - *Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.***
  + **Romans 7:9 - *For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.***
    - sin never revived in him?
  + **II Corinthians 5:21b - *..., who knew no sin;...***
  + **I Peter 2:22 - *Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:***
  + **I John 3:5 - *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.***
  + **II Corinthians 5:21a -  *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***
* **Conclusion - key verse!**
  + **Romans 8:3 - *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:***
    - likeness of sinful flesh
  + **Philippians 2:7,8 - *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.***
    - form of a servant
    - likeness of men
    - found in fashion as a man