

VINTAGE JESUS

Question 2: How did they know Jesus was coming?

I. How Could We Know

A. We must open the Word [see chapter 3 “Vintage Jesus”]

“Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14b)

1. His *birth*

a. Promise: "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, [Too] little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity" (Micah 5:2)

b. Fulfillment: (Luke 2:1-7)

2. His *life*

a. Promise: “...because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.” (Isaiah 53:9b)

b. Fulfillment: “...since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:21b-22).

3. His *death*

a. Promise: “I gave My back to those who strike [Me], And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting” (Isaiah 50:6).

b. Fulfillment: “Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him...” (Matthew 26:67).

B. We must open our eyes

“For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11)

1. Savior: Showing Jesus’ *purpose*.

2. Christ: Showing Jesus’ *promise*.

3. Lord: Showing Jesus’ *position*.

C. We must open our hearts (see Luke 16: 19-31)

1. A wrong approach

We can’t put our faith in...

a. *Stuff*

b. *Spiritual* pride.

c. *Supernatural* moments.

2. The right approach (Application and Action)
Open your heart...

a. Examine the Word (see 1 Peter 1:11-12)

b. Examine the Person (see Acts 4:12)

c. Examine your own heart

For Further Study:

(1) The Glory of Christ by R.C. Sproul