1. **Luke 2:1-6**

* Why are Joseph and Mary traveling and where are they headed to?
* **1 Samuel 16:1-13**
* Why is Samuel traveling and where is he headed to?
* What relationship exists between the people in both **Luke** and **1 Samuel**?
* In **Luke**, who was the emperor at this time?
* During what years did he rule the Roman Empire (Google it if you are not sure)?
* What happened while Mary was there?
* **Micah 5:1-4a**
* According to this prophecy in **Micah**, who is supposed to “come forth” from “Bethlehem”?
* What does the name “Bethlehem” mean in Hebrew (Google it if you are not sure)?
* **John 6:32-35, 47-51**
* Considering what the name “Bethlehem” means in Hebrew, how might it relate to Jesus?
* Go back to **Micah** **verse 3** and share what “he” will “take his place as”?
* **Proverbs 8:22-35, John 1:1-5**, **14-17**, **John 17:4-5**
* In **Micah**, it states this individual’s “origin is from of old, from ancient times”, how can this be true if we apply it to the newly born child in **Luke**?
* In **Micah**, who might **verse 2** be talking about in your opinion?
* What other parts of **Micah** stand out to you or seem to describe our savior?

1. **Luke 2:7**

* How was Jesus clothed after his birth?
* **Wisdom 7:1-6**
* Whom is this reading in **Wisdom** supposed to be about in the **Old Testament**?
* How was he clothed as an infant?
* How might this testimony in **Wisdom** also be prophetic and to whom would it apply to in the **New Testament**?
* What does it mean to you that Jesus was born in a “manger”?
* **St. Cyril of Alexandria** (378 AD – 444 AD) *Commentary on Luke Sermon 1*

“He found man reduced to the level of the beasts: therefore, is **He placed like fodder in a manger**, that we, having left off our bestial life, might mount up to that degree of intelligence which befits man’s nature; and whereas we were brutish in soul, by **now approaching the manger**, even His own table, we find **no longer fodder**, but the **bread from heaven**, which is the **body of life**.”

* **St. Bede** (672 AD – 735 AD) *Homilies on The Gospels Section 1.6*

“It is also indicated in the prophetic oracles that [Christ] was to be born in Bethlehem when it is said, ‘You, Bethlehem Ephrata, are a little one among thousands of Judah; from you will come out the one who is to be ruler in Israel’. It is good that he was born in Bethlehem, not only for the sake of [giving] and indication of the royal **genealogical tree**, since **David** was from there, but also on the account of the name itself, for **Bethlehem** has the meaning ‘**house of bread**’ and he himself said, ‘I am the living bread which descended from heaven’. Because he descended from heaven to earth in order to grant to us the nourishing fare of heavenly life and to satisfy us with favor of eternal sweetness, the place where he was born is rightly called ‘**house of bread**’.”

* **Catechism 515, 479-483**
* Please share your favorite thought of the day.