

CELEBRATE
THE SUNDAYS of
ADVENT
Dec 18, 2022

Orchard Valley Christian Church



Where we're going today:



Blessie	Prayer
P Mark	Pre-word re: Serotonin/ neurotransmitters + video Clip
Blessie	Isa 7; Psa 80
P Mark	Mat 1
P Mark	Video Clip & Prayer
	Zoo





Pre-Word

A word about
Neurotransmitters





Serotonin increase

01

Exercise

04

Quality Sleep

02

Diet

05

Meditation



03

Sunshine

06

Melodic Music

07

Touch



Serotonin decrease

01

Lack of
Exercise

02

Poor Diet

03

Shut in

04

Poor Sleep:
staying up late

05

Morbid
introspection

06

Screen Time



What it means for
us that God
became human





01

Sign

What are the signs we look for?

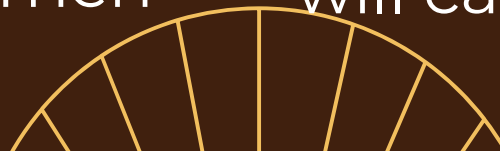
A Sign of Birth of Jesus, Isaiah 7:10-14



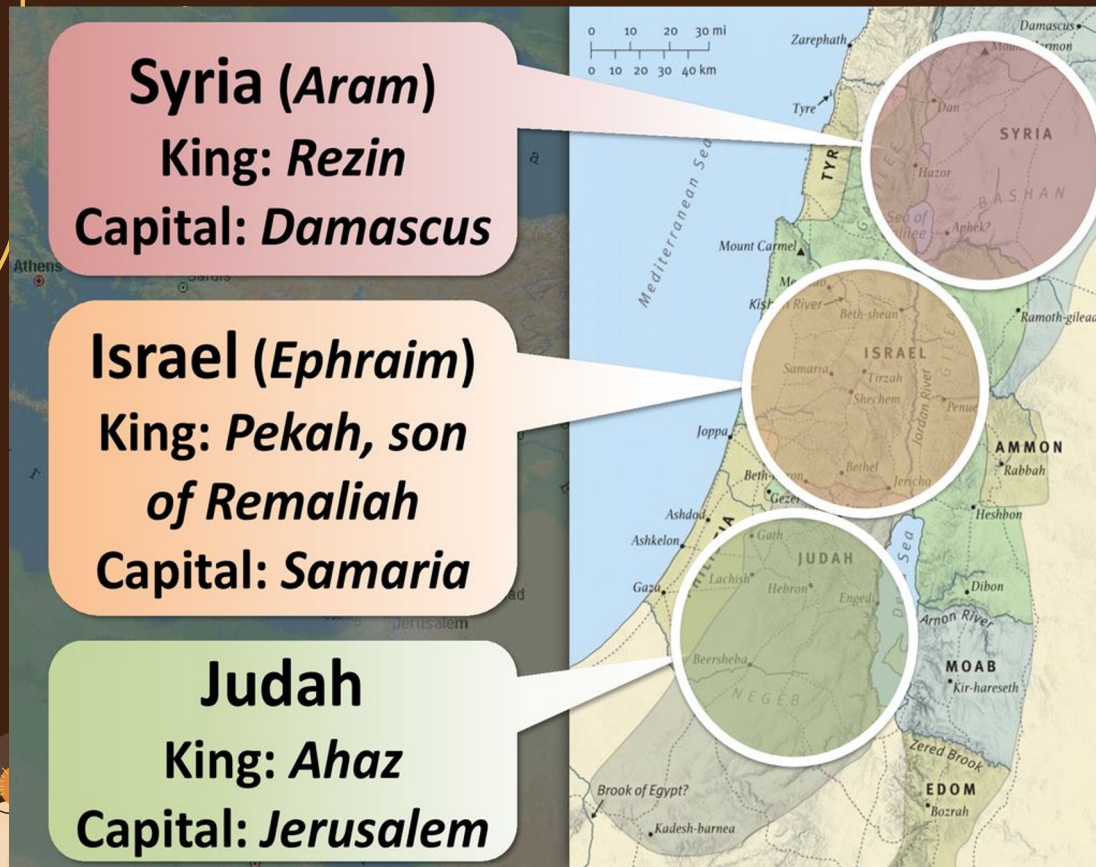
Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.” Then Isaiah said,

“Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.



Background



The northern nation of Israel and Syria combine to attack Judah
the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.



King Ahaz 735-716 BC



- King of Judah at 20
- did not do what was right in the eyes of the Lord his God.
- sacrificed his son in the fire
- engaged in the detestable practices
- Idolatry

2 Kings 16:1-4

God -> Ahaz



Interacts twice

- Short term promise
- Long term promise



Short Term Promise



Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, But God assures him twice and warns

“It will **not take place,**
it will **not happen,**

If you do not **stand firm in your faith,**
you will not stand at all.”



Isaiah 7:7,9b

Long term Promise



Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, “**Ask** the Lord **your God** for a **sign**, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”



Isaiah 7:10-11

Isaiah 7:12

But Ahaz said, “I will **not ask**; I will **not** put the Lord to the **test.**”



Sign



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

Immanuel = "God with us" or "with us is God"
symbolic and prophetic name of the Messiah



Isaiah 7:14

Ahaz's Choice

Ahaz^{*} sent messengers to say to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, And Ahaz took the silver and gold found in the temple of the Lord and in the treasuries of the royal palace and sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria. The king of Assyria complied by attacking Damascus and capturing it. He deported its inhabitants to Kir and put Rezin to death.



2 Kings 16:7-9

Isaiah 7
Ahaz

Mark 8
Jesus

Psalms 80
Me

735-716 BC

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Today

Sign of
Messiah

Fulfillment of
Sign

What does the Sign
mean Today?

Mark 8:11-12



The Pharisees came and began to question **Jesus**. To test him, they **asked** him for a **sign** from heaven. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, **no sign** will be given to this generation.”



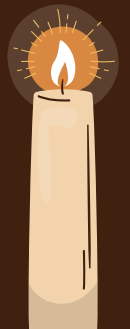
Matthew 12:38-39

The Sign of Jonah

Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, “Teacher, we **want** to **see a sign** from you.” He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the **Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**



What sign am I seeking today?



What does the sign mean to me today?

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the **son of man** you have raised up for yourself.
Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
make your **face shine on us**,
that we may be **saved**. *



Psalm 80:3,7,19

God's Glory



For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made **his light shine in our hearts** to **give us the light** of the knowledge of **God's glory** displayed in the face of Christ.



2 Corinthians 4:6

02

The Word Became Flesh

The Birth of Jesus



* The Birth of Jesus, Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said: *



Matthew 1:18-25 (cont)



“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’



All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”





Matthew 1:18-25 (cont)

When Joseph
awoke from sleep,
he did as the angel
of the Lord
commanded him;
he took her as his
wife

but had no marital
relations with her
until she had given
birth to a son, and he
named him Jesus.

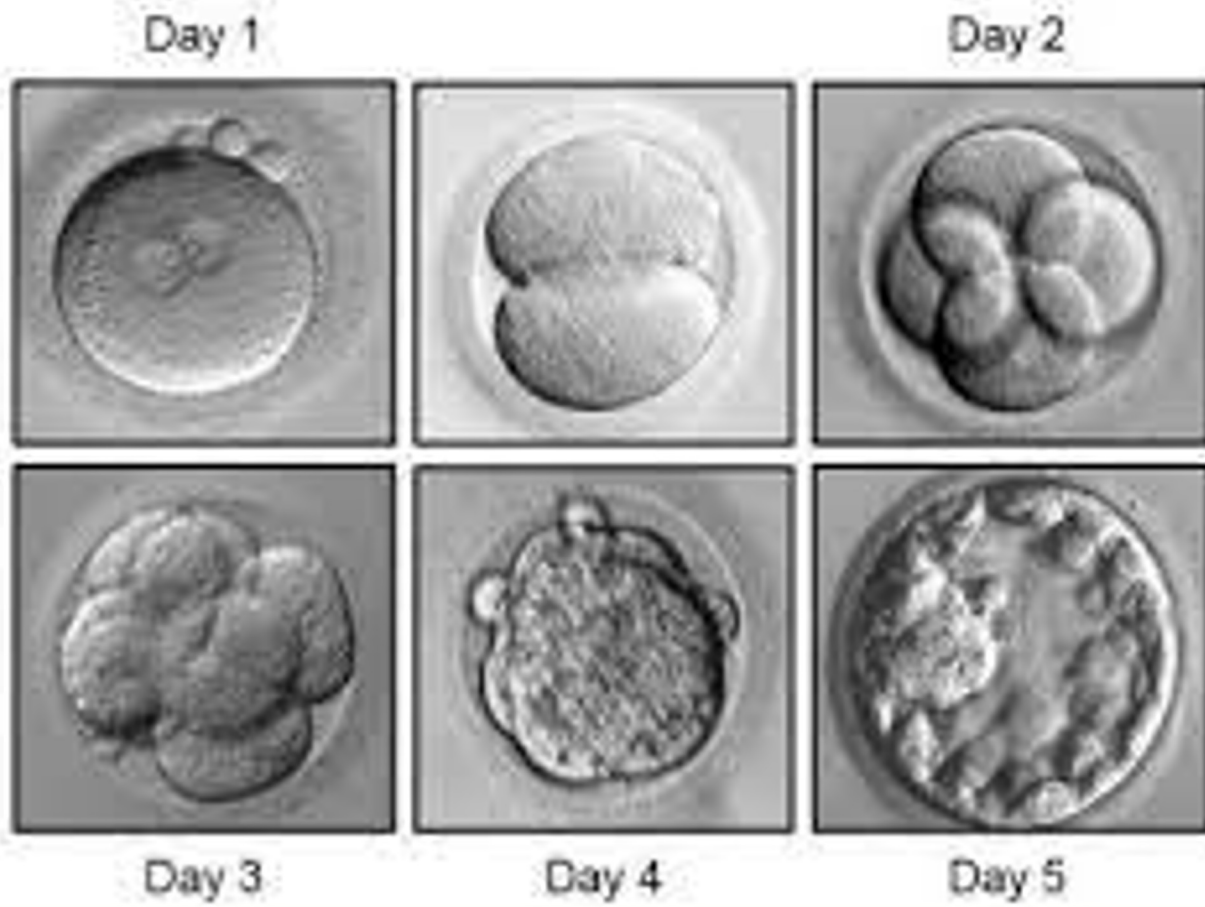




Zygote

A fertilized egg





Development of the Embryo

Growth of the Fetus



Fertilized egg



2-cell stage



4-cell stage



8-cell stage



16-cell stage



Blastocyst



Foetus 4-weeks



Foetus 10-weeks



Foetus 16-weeks



Foetus 20-weeks



26,000,000,000



Cells in the Newborn Infant





Emptying - kenos - Phil 2:7

Emptied himself, by taking the
form of a servant, being born in
the likeness of men

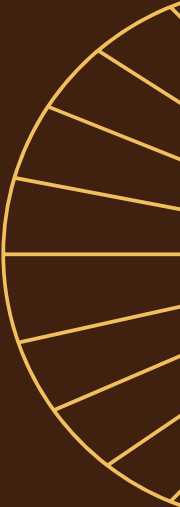
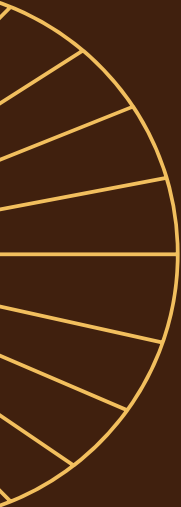




Fullness - pleroma - Col 2:9

For in him the whole fullness of
deity dwells bodily





26B_{cells} → 37T_{cells}

Growth to adulthood





100,000,000,000

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Neurons at Birth





2,500

AT BIRTH

* Connections per
neuron

15,000

BY AGE 2-3 YEARS





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for us that God
became human?



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