

# Impression

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## Introduction

1. Text Luke 2:25-35
2. Mark and John have no records of His birth, John before He was born
3. Do first impressions count?
4. In psychology, a first impression is the event when one person first encounters another person and forms a mental image of that person. Impression accuracy varies depending on the observer and the target (person, object, scene, etc.) being observed.
5. Were they right or wrong
6. What were the impressions of those who met Jesus

## II Discussion

1. Joseph Matthew 1:18-25
  - a. Matthew 1:19 skeptical at first then became a believer
    - i. Verse 21 save his people from their sins
    - ii. Fulfilment of prophecy Isaiah 7:14
    - iii. God with us John 1:14
    - iv. He did what was told him
  - b. Luke 2:33 Marveled at the things which were spoken of him
2. Wise men Matthew 2
  - a. From the east
  - b. King of the Jews, worship Him
  - c. Found a young child verse 11
    - i. In a house
    - ii. Six weeks old
  - d. Offered gifts, they gave when they found Him
    - i. Three phases of his life kingship, divinity, sufferings
    - ii. Worship demands sacrifice, thus they gave
  - e. These gifts were offered after His circumcision or Mary would have used part of these gifts to offered to God for her purification Luke 2:21-24
  - f. The law of Moses. Law of the Lord is the same.
3. Herod
  - a. Was troubled and troubled others
    - i. He killed children from 2 years old and under
    - ii. Which was a fulfilment of Jeremiah 31:5
  - b. Sent others to seek Him out and worship Him 2:7-8
  - c. Can we have others worship for us?
4. Chief priest, scribes
  - a. Demanded where He would be born Matthew 2:4
  - b. They knew where He was to be born Matthew 2:5
  - c. We know where the saints meet, do we meet with them?
5. Shepherds

- a. Afraid Luke 2:9
  - b. Go and see Luke 2:15 What about the sheep
  - c. Glorified and praising God Luke 2:20
  - d. Heard seen and listened (told) Luke 2:20
6. Angel and Heavenly hosts (angels Luke 2:15)
- a. Angel Luke 2:9
  - b. Good tidings of great joy
  - c. All people!
  - d. Glory peace good will toward men
7. Anna Luke 2: 36ff
- a. Tribe of Asher
  - b. She too was in the temple
  - c. Looked for the redemption in Jerusalem
8. Simeon Luke 2:25ff
- a. He would see the Lord before he died! What a wonderful thing
  - b. He was there at Jesus circumcision Luke 2:27
  - c. Held the baby Luke 2:28 blessed God, thankful that he got to see the Lord's anointed.
  - d. All people, Gentiles, Israel
  - e. Blessed Joseph and Mary also
  - f. Foretold of His death
9. Doctors Luke 2:41ff
- a. He was listening and asking questions of these men
  - b. They were astonished at His understanding and answers
  - c. Amazed
10. John the Baptist
- a. He leaped in the womb of his mother
  - b. Gladness
  - c. When we meet with Jesus are we glad? Matthew 18:20; 1 Corinthians 10:16
11. Mary Luke 1
- a. She was a virgin and she was espoused to Joseph
  - b. She was accepting of what was happening to her Luke 1:38
  - c. Wondered kept them in her heart Luke 2:18-19
  - d. Luke 2:49 we have sought thee sorrowing
  - e. They did not understand yet those things spoken unto them

### III Conclusion

1. What is your impression of the baby Jesus?
2. Do you see Him in the nativity scenes, they could be wrong!
3. See Him as He is, the Savior of all, Gentiles and Israel as well
4. Come to Him today!

Sources: Book by David Wayne Hester, forgotten the name, Coffman commentary on Matthew; Logos