

The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and God's People

Chapter 22: The Birth of the King

As you read, take note of the cast of characters. Write a short descriptive to help you remember. Who are the main characters?

Write any notes or questions you have.

Review the questions on page 483 in your book to prepare for discussion in class.

This chapter begins with words from the gospel of John the first chapter: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. What does this tell us about Jesus?

Why did God send Jesus into the world?

What can we learn from Mary's response to the angel's announcement?

Why was Jesus born into such humble circumstances?

What impact does the birth of Jesus have on your life?

The gospels of Matthew and Luke provide most of what we know about the Christmas story we share each year. The gospel of John deepens our understanding of Jesus in a deeper theological way. Do you find yourself drawn to theological understanding or not? Why or why not?

We teach that Jesus is both human and God, 100% human/100% divine. If someone asked you to explain this, how might you draw from the passages we read today?