

December 16, 2015

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B.C.

Saul drops the ball and is ~~rejected~~ as
~~king~~ (though God lets him keep the
 throne for now). God ~~removes Saul~~
 to ~~remove~~ the ~~new~~ ~~king~~ → Bethlehem
 1 Samuel 16

over ~~the~~ ~~ancestry~~ ~~of~~ ~~David~~

→ The elders of ~~Bethlehem~~ because the
~~prophet~~ speaks for God, and they
 may have ~~offended~~ God.

"Man sees the appearance but the
 Lord looks into the heart" ~~1 Samuel 16/1~~

Christmas Season

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- Christmas Vigil (12/24)
- Feast of the Holy Family
- Epiphany "to make known"
- Baptism of Christ.

Epiphany "to make known"

→ Christ is made known to the Magi
 Christ's birth (Infancy Narrative)
 is found in two Gospels →

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~~Matthew~~

~~Luke~~

- Magi are only here

- shepherds are only here

- Matthew was a Jew writing primarily to Jews

- Luke is a gentile

- he was explaining how Christ is the promised savior

- Luke emphasizes in his Gospel that

Christ came to save all even the incircled (like shepherds)

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- the Magi were gentiles (not Jew)

- Matthew was showing how Christ came to save all, not just Jews

Sum up -> They are both telling the truth, but from different points of view to different audiences

~~Infancy Narratives~~

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the account of Jesus's birth

and the events surrounding ~~the birth~~

(not true)

Matthew and Luke made up the Magi and the shepherds to fit w/ their ~~narrative~~

← WRONG →

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The Bible must be interpreted according to the genre in which it was written.

Ex. Genesis has symbolic language in places. Ex. Gospels were written as history!

Divine Inspiration - God, the Primary Author, somehow told the human secondary authors what to write. The humans remain real authors.

Gifts

Today we are called to offer the same gifts:

- 1) Gold → because Christ is the King of Kings.
- 2) Frankincense → because ✝ is our High Priest (Christ offers the acceptable sacrifice to the Father on our behalf).
- 3) Myrrh → because ✝ would give His Life for us! (Myrrh was used in burial)

- 1.) "Gold" - Good works, acts of love and kindness
- 2.) "Frankincense" - our prayer and worship
- 3.) "Myrrh" - our sacrifice and sufferings

David: youngest son of Jesse
= "nobody of the family"

- cheerful
- enthusiastic
- "a man after God's own heart."
- Samuel anoints him king!

1 Samuel: 17

→ David vs. Goliath

→ What do we learn about David's character?

kindness

13/1/17