

## NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

### Lesson 4 – "In the beginning ..."

Reading:

- John 1:1-18; Luke 1:1-80
- Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-38; Matt. 2:1-23; Luke 2:39-52
- Luke 3:1-22; Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-13; Luke 4:1-13; Matt. 4:1-11; John 1:19-34
- Luke 3:23-38; Matt. 1:1-17

A. Briefly summarize the events from the reading above. Do you have any questions about the reading you would like us to discuss?

B. How can Jesus in the beginning as the Word both be with "God" and be "God"?

C. What scriptures compare John the Baptist with Elijah (or "Elias")? Why?

D. From the reading above, list at least seven names, titles, descriptions, or prophecies of who Mary's son would be?

E. Because Mary was blessed by God to be chosen as Jesus' mother, does she deserve our adoration and worship today? Why?

F. Best we can tell, what year was Jesus born? What time of year?

G. What does Luke 2:24 imply about Mary and Joseph's economic class? What connection do you see between this, Matt. 2:13, and Matt. 2:11?

H. What were the different purposes of the baptism administered by John, the baptism received by Jesus, and baptism today?

I. Compare the accounts of Jesus' temptation with Gen. 3:1-6 and 1 John 2:16. What sins tempt us today that fall into the categories listed in these passages?

J. How would you explain the alleged contradictions in the different genealogies of Jesus?