

b. The virgin birth 1:18-25

- (1) Note the character of Joseph and Mary
- (2) Note the name of the child
- (3) Note the fulfillment of prophecy on several counts.
- (4) And note the practical significance of the virgin birth as well as the theological implications.

c. Events of Jesus' boyhood 2:1-23

- (1) The wise men..and Herod 2:1-12
- (2) The trip to Egypt 2:13-15
- (3) Death of the Innocents 2:16-18
- (4) Return to Nazareth 2:19-23
- (5) Note the probable purpose to this section...how it reflects the political climate of the time and as you study, not the difference between a Nazarite and a Nazarene.
- (6) Note the stress on prophetic fulfillment.

d. Jesus and the Ministry of John 3:1-17

- (1) John's ministry 3:1-12
- (2) The baptism of Jesus 3:13-16
- (3) The heavenly declaration 3:17
- (4) Note the purposes in the Lord's baptism
- (5) And note a preliminary difference in the baptism of John and Christian baptism.