## The Word Became Flesh

We began our "Walking With God" Scripture reading in February of this year and have completed our OT passages. Today, Joel will draw our attention to Matthew 2, which picks up with Jesus after He was born in Bethlehem. However, as you know, Luke offers more information than Matthew. John's intro begins with Jesus before He was born into the world. It was Jesus as the Word. I wanted to draw special attention to this time in history because everything has been leading up to this moment, which was the Genesis of the greatest story ever told - the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Who is Jesus?

- Paul taught that before the foundation of the world, God had a plan (Ephesians 1:3-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-11).
- Paul taught that Jesus was sent at the right time (Galatians 4:4-7).
- A reminder that Jesus is with you (Matthew 1:18-25).
- A snapshot of the gift of Jesus (Luke 2:22-35). Jesus is all we need.
- Paul taught that before creation occurred, Jesus was with God but manifested Himself to His own. Some rejected Him and some He gave the right to become children of God (John 1:1-14)