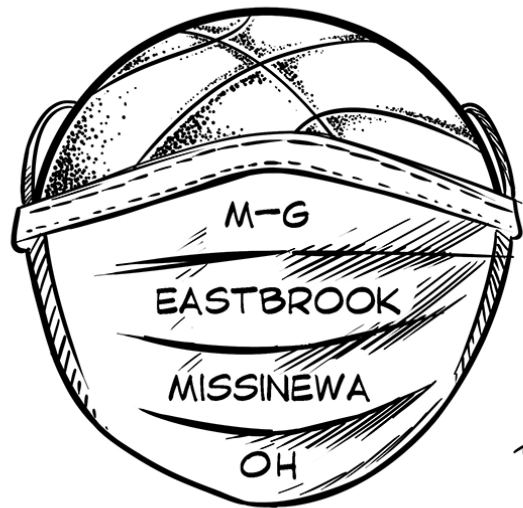


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He Shall Be Great

By Tom Mansbarger

As a young Bible student I decided that I would like to seek a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. The Lord had given me a real desire to study and know His Word, so I wanted to do all that I could. My first venture was a course from Moody Bible Institute. I enrolled in "The Scofield Course." Not knowing much about the Bible, I didn't realize that I was in over my head, but I took the course and completed it. I learned a lot during that study, but one thing stuck with me from that day forward. It doesn't matter how much we say, think, or believe. What matters is Book, Chapter, and Verse. My opinion means nothing, but God's does. I think of those days often with thanksgiving.

As a more seasoned student of the Bible, I am more aware of the Book, Chapter, and Verse than I have ever been. Sometimes one verse can say it all. While preparing a Christmas message in December I came across one of those verses: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father, David" (Luke 1:32). Just one simple verse, but it tells us so much about the Savior. Probably the most interesting part of the verse is, "He Shall Be Great." Have you ever wondered what it is that makes Him great? There are many things that could be said about the birth of Jesus, but let's look at some thoughts about Him.

1. He came to restore. The world was in great ruins. It had been a period of 400 years of darkness. There had been no prophets or any word at all from our Lord God. It was a time where people had lost hope. Jesus said it best when He said the people were sheep without a shepherd. All had seemingly turned away from the ways of God to do their own thing. They had lost all sense and belief that a Savior was coming. The world was truly in a state of chaos, without hope. Jesus came to deal with great sin, which was first introduced by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He came to do away with it by His



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ther. He not only knows our needs before we ask, He tells us in Philippians 4:19 that He will supply all our needs with inexpressible resources. It is hard to deny greatness to the One who can do all of those things.

3. He is a Christ of great preparation (John 14:1-6). He tells us, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again" (John 14:1-3a). He is busy before the throne, today, in preparing a great final destination (Heaven) for His followers.

I am sure by now that you would agree with me that there are times that one verse of Scripture can say everything that needs to be said. When Luke 1:32 tells us, "He shall be great, what else can we say? Do we need to say anything else? I am thankful that I met Jesus as my personal Savior a long time ago. I can testify after all these years that He is still great! My prayer for 2021 is that if you don't know Him, you will

great pardon. The Babe of Bethlehem was destined for Calvary's cross for each of us.

2. He has great supplies (Romans 8:26). He has the ability to know what we need before we ever ask. He is continually making intercession for us to the Fa-

LeTourneau University announces Fall 2020 President's list

Travis Metzger, a 2019 Marion High School graduate and an aeronautical science major at LeTourneau University, was honored and recognized for his academic excellence on Thursday, being named to the President's List.

The President's List recognizes students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

LeTourneau University President Dr. Dale A. Lunsford said being named to the President's List is a significant achievement and honor.

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