

Jesus' Birth and Onset of Ministry

Matthew 1-4, Luke 1-2, John 1

Main Idea: Jesus inaugurated the kingdom of heaven in His first advent.

I. A DIVINELY ORCHESTRATED KINGDOM (The Genealogy of Jesus) – Matthew 1:1-17

Principle: *Christ's kingdom was divinely orchestrated and entrance into it continues to be divinely orchestrated.*

II. A WORSHIP INSPIRING KINGDOM (The Birth of Jesus) – Matthew 1:18-2:23

Principle: *Jesus' kingdom inspires worship.*

III. A RADICALLY DIFFERENT KINGDOM (The Baptism of Jesus) – Matthew 3

Principle: *The Kingdom of Heaven challenges conventional religious thinking.*

IV. A POWERFUL KINGDOM (The Temptations and Early Ministry of Jesus) – Matthew 4

Principle: *The Kingdom of Heaven is powerful in overcoming evil and advancing righteousness.*