<u>Series</u>: At Last Noel <u>Title</u>: Man had a Need, God had a Plan Text: (Luke 1:26-33)

NOEL: French from the 14th century - It Means "*Birthday*" The Celebration Day of "THE BIRTH". The Birth that changed everything.

The real Question is not...

Where was He Born? When was He Born? Pick a day, Its about the He came. How He was Born?

Real Question is "Do you Know Why He Was Born?"

Man Had a Need, God had a Plan.

His Birth was a Miraculous Fulfillment of a Divine Plan: Substitutionary Atonement (Revelation 5:9) Slain from the foundation of the World.

(Galatians 3:13a) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us:

<u>The Motivation of the Plan</u> (John 3:16) For God - <u>The Greatest Person, fulfilling the Greatest Plan</u> So Loved the World -<u>The Greatest Passion</u> "So" Loved - Speaks of the Magnitude of His Love <u>Illus</u>: The Reason for the Season is not Jesus. Jesus was the instrament of the Father's Plan. The Reason for the Season, is the Love of the Father to man!

(1Jn 4:10) *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitation for our sins.*

That He Gave - <u>The Greatest Proof</u> - (Rom 5:8) You can give without loving, but you can't love without Giving Man had a need, God had a plan.

<u>God Himself, Gave Himself:</u> (Jn 15:13) No Greater Love <u>Illus</u>: No greater display of love than personal sacrifice

His Only Begotten Son - *<u>The Greatest Payment</u> <u>Illus</u>: Sin has a price (Rom 6:23) propitiation=payment (1 Timothy 2:6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.*

(Hebrews 9:12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Man Had a Need, God had a Plan.

That Whosoever - <i>The Greatest Proposal - (Matt 11:28) "*Come unto me…i will give you rest*"

Believeth in Him - <u>The Greatest Promise</u> - (Acts 16:31) <u>Illus</u>: Belief Only!! - Thou Shalt Be Saved! (Rom 10:9,13) Salvation in None Other: (Acts 4:12)

Should Not Perish - <u>The Greatest Punishment</u> -Man Had a Need, (Rom 3:23, 6:23) (Rev 20:14-15) <u>Illus</u>: 2nd Death-Forever! <u>Illus</u>: God doesn't want this for anyone! Are You aware of your need? Does your Friends know of their need? Does your family know of their need?

But Have Everlasting Life - The Greatest Possession -

(Matt 16:26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Are you aware of YOUR Need?

"I am a good person" (Rom 3:10) None righteous no not one

Are you aware of God's Plan?

"I Serve Him" - Not by Works (Tit 3:5; Rom 4:5) <u>Illus</u>: Jn 3:36 Your Part, God's Part, <u>Now You Choose!</u> <u>Illus</u>: I don't Believe a loving God would send us to Hell. <u>God does not send anyone to Hell We Choose!</u>

Have you made your choice yet? How about your family/friends, Are they aware their need? Are they aware of God's Plan? Have they been given an opportunity to choose?

<u>His Birth was a Miraculous Fulfillment of a Divine Plan</u>: of Substitutionary Atonement

Man Had a Need, God had a Plan, so God informed us of his plan in Prophecy

His Birth was a Miraculous Fulfillment of a Divine <u>Prophecy</u>: (Lk 1:26-33)

(Is 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

<u>A Supernatural Birth:</u>

(John 1:1) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and Word was God.*

(John 1:14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

(1 Tim 3:16) And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...

Mighty God: The One whom the Heavens cannot contain, yet limited Himself to the form of a little baby. (1 Kings 8:27) But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? The Infinite God became an INFANT!

Man could not come to God because of our sin. God, in Christ, came to man, that He might bring sinful man to God by the act of redemption.

<u>A Miraculous Birth</u>:- Virgin Birth (Luke 1:34-56)

(Is 7:14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Have you ever asked yourself: Why a Virgin?

A Miraculous Conception, w/o human involvement, Brought about a Miraculous Birth, So we would know that He was no Ordinary Man.

> Jesus is as human as His Mother. Jesus is as Divine as His Father.

He is the <u>Son of Man</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>Son of Righteousness</u> on His Father's side.

He is the <u>Servant</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>King of Kings</u> on His Father's side.

He is the <u>Suffering Lamb</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>Risen Lord</u> on His Father's side.

He is the <u>331/2 years old</u> on His Mother's side. He is the <u>From Everlasting to Everlasting</u> on His Father's side.

Man had a need, God had a plan...

His Birth was a Miraculous Fulfillment of a Divine <u>Purpose</u>:

This Child Would Die for the Sins of the World (Matt 1:21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Luke 19:10)

Matthew 20:28 *Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Do you know why He was Born? Does your Friends and Family know why He was born?

Are they aware their need? Are they aware of God's Plan? Have they been given an opportunity to choose?