

Take Home Materials for Lesson 2: Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews

(Preparation For Next Time)

Bible Reading

Read Luke 1:1-2:40

1) *Before you read: Begin with “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” and make the sign of the cross remembering your baptism*

2) *Read over the whole section in one sitting. Then read it again. Take special focus on the people: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and Angels, Simeon and Anna. Do you see anything that is common to them all? What are the common feelings they are all dealing with?*

3) *Read Luke 1:46-55 (Song of Mary) and 1:67-79 (Song of Zechariah) and 2:29-32. What do these poems have in common? What are the people all looking for and anticipating?*

3) *After you read: Finish by saying the Apostles Creed and the Lord’s Prayer and make the sign of the cross at the end*

Read 1 John 1:1-4 - *What sort of action words does John use to describe why he is so certain about the message of Jesus?*

Read John 1:1-18 - *What does the first three verses convey? Does any one verse in this section stand out to you as the most significant?*

For Further Study

Read “Simply Jesus” on the Three Puzzles p9-12 ([Attached Copy](#))

For Extended Reading on the Historical context of Jesus’ coming:

“Simply Jesus” p27-38 ([Attached Copy](#))

Advanced Reading

“Let’s Start with Jesus,” Dennis Kinlaw c 2005 Zondervan (41-46)