

The Three Birthdays of our Lord

Event	Described as Birth	Rev 1:5a	Impact, 1:5b-6	Title
Incarnation	Mat 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem	the faithful witness	loved us	Prophet
Resurrection	Col 1:18 he is ... the firstborn from the dead	first begotten of the dead	washed us from our sins in his own blood	Priest
Return	Ps 2:7 this day have I begotten thee	the prince of the kings of the earth	6 hath made us kings and priests	King

The First Birth: Faithful Witness → Prophet

Jn 18:37 To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should **bear witness** unto the truth.

Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was **born in Bethlehem** of Judaea in the days of Herod the king,

1 Jn 4:14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son **to be the Saviour** of the world.

Luk 19:10 For the Son of man is **come to seek and to save** that which was lost.

To what does he bear witness?

- Our Wickedness:

Jn 4:44 For Jesus himself **testified**, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

Jn 7:7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I **testify** of it, that the works thereof are evil.

Jn 13:21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and **testified**, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

- His person and work:

Jn 8:14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go.

Jn 8:18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

- Our required response:

Jn 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

Motive for his first birth (1:5b):

Jn 3:16 God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten son.

The Second Birth: Resurrection → Priest

1 Cor 15:20 Now is Christ **risen** from the dead, and become the **firstfruits** of them that slept.

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having **loosed the pains of death**: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Jn 5:28 the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Acts 26:23 Christ should suffer, and ... he should be **the first that should rise from the dead**, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Rom. 4:25 [He] was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

The Third Birth: Return → King

Ps 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; **this day have I begotten thee.** 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

2 Sam 7:12 when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will set up thy seed** after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and **I will establish** his kingdom. 13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 **I will be his father, and he shall be my son.**