

# **Christmas Unwrapped**

Lesson One

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*On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise Him, He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given Him before He had been conceived. Luke 2:21 NIV*

### **The Significance of the Savior's Eighth Day:**

## **1. Jesus Was CIRCUMCISED On His Eighth Day!**

### **Background of Jewish Rite of Circumcision:**

- The rite of circumcision was a SIGN of the covenant between God and Abraham.

*This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. Genesis 17:10-12 NKJV*

- The rite of circumcision is still PRACTICED by observant Jews today.

### **Two Reasons Why Jesus Was Circumcised:**

- To prove His INCARNATION of being born in the flesh.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 NKJV*

- To demonstrate His OBEDIENCE to the Law of Moses.

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Matthew 5:17 ESV*

*And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. Leviticus 12:3 NKJV*

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law. Galatians 4:4 ESV*

## **2. Jesus Was NAMED On His Eighth Day!**

### **Jesus' Name:**

- The name Jesus was given by the ANGEL before Jesus was conceived.

*"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 NKJV*

*"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus." Luke 1:31 NKJV*

- The name Jesus means "the Lord SAVES" or "Jehovah is salvation".

*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 1Timothy 1:15 NIV*

### **The Significance of the Savior's Circumcision:**

The circumcision of Jesus FORESHADOWS the blood He will shed for the sins of the world with His death on the Cross!

### **Remembering the Significance of the Savior's Birth and Death on the Cross through Communion:**

Feel free to stand and walk toward one of the four tables throughout the auditorium to participate in Communion. You may also take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the broken body and shed blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross.

Followers of Jesus Christ who are in authentic fellowship with God and one another are exhorted to participate in Communion based on the "examination of their heart" in 1Corinthians 11:27-29.