

The Chronological order of Events

Listed below are the biblical passages that record the events surrounding the birth of Christ in the order they occurred.
There is some overlapping in time for some of the events listed.

- Luke 1:5-25 Angels announcement to Zacharias in the temple of the birth of John the Baptist
- Luke 1:26-38 Angels announcement of the birth of Jesus to Mary in Nazareth.
- Luke 1:39-56 Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, for three months
- Luke 1:57-80 Birth of John the Baptist to Zacharias and Elizabeth
- Matt 1:18-24 Joseph is encouraged by an angel of the Lord "to take unto thee Mary thy wife"
- Matt 1:25a Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem
- Luke 2:1-20
- Matt 1:25b Jesus' circumcision and naming
- Luke 2:21
- Luke 2:22-24 Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation to the Lord
- Luke 2:25-35 Simeon thanks God for the promised seed
- Luke 2:36-38 Anna, a prophetess in the temple, gives praise and thanks to God
- Matt 2:1-12 Magi from the east arrive in Jerusalem and proceed to Bethlehem
- Matt 2:13-22 Joseph, Mary, and the child flee from Herod to Egypt
- Matt 2:23
- Luke 2:39 After Herod's death, Joseph and family return to Nazareth
- Luke 2:20 Jesus (to age 12) "grew and waxed strong"
- Luke 2:41-50 Jesus stays behind at the temple when his parents leave after the Feast of Unleavened Bread
- Luke 2:51-52 Jesus (from age 12 to manhood) "increased in Wisdom and stature"