

## **A Chronological Presentation of the Birth of Christ**

### **The Promise of John the Baptist's birth**

**Ref:** Luke 1:5-25

**Date:** About September, of 6 BC

**Notes:** Elizabeth conceives 6 months before Mary.

### **Gabriel appears to Mary; Joseph's angelic dream**

**Ref:** Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-25

**Date:** About March, of 5 BC

**Notes:** 9 Months before Dec 25

### **Mary visits Elizabeth**

**Ref:** Luke 1:39-56

**Date:** Immediately after Luke 26-38

**Notes:** "went with haste", stayed 3 months

### **The Birth of Christ, Visit of the Shepherds**

**Ref:** Luke 2:1-20

**Date:** December 25, 5 BC

### **Circumcision of Jesus; Presentation in the Temple; Blessings of Simeon and Anna**

**Ref:** Luke 2:21-38

**Date:** Jan 2, 4 BC

**Notes:** Eight days after Dec 25.

### **Visit of the Wise Men**

**Ref:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Date:** Jan 6, 4 BC

**Notes:** Traditionally, and reasonably, Jan 6th, definitely less than 3 months after Christ's birth.

### **Flight into Egypt; Herod slays the babies of Bethlehem**

**Ref:** Matthew 2:13-18

**Date:** Between January 7 and April 1 of 4 BC.

**Notes:** After visit by wise men, before death of Herod in March/April of 4 BC.

### **Death of Herod, return from Egypt to Nazareth**

**Ref:** Matthew 2:19-23, Luke 2:39-40

**Date:** After March/April of 4 BC.