

What picture pops into your head when you think of the place "Bethlehem"?

Before Jesus was born there, what was Bethlehem's claim to fame?



How many years before the birth of Jesus did the prophet Micah live?



How does Herod know where the "king of the Jews" is to be born? Matthew 2:1-6

Why do some people not believe Jesus is the Messiah? See John 7:41-43

### A SMALL BEGINNING

What does Micah say about Bethlehem?

What else was unusual about the coming of the Messiah?



Why does God choose and use small and lowly things? See 1 Cor 1:27-29

**LOWLIFE**

Who does Jesus identify with in his birth, his life and his death?

### A SMALL BEGINNING THAT IS NOT REALLY A BEGINNING

What does Micah say about the Messiah's origins?

Why is Jesus' conception & birth a becoming rather than a beginning? See John 1:14



### A SMALL BEGINNING THAT IS NOT ULTIMATELY SMALL



On whose behalf does the Messiah come? See v2

What 2 roles will the messiah have?

Who else was a shepherd-king?

In what ways is Jesus like a shepherd?



How far will the Messiah's greatness extend? See v4



How is Jesus our peace?

How does God reconcile sinners to himself? See 2 Cor 5:18-21