

## ***Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World (Second Edition)***

### **Answers to Handout 6-C, "Jesus Is Born"**

What does all this tell you about Jesus?

*Possible answer: Jesus did not possess the background of a person who would typically rise to power or influence. His parents were not wealthy, and Mary had seemingly violated societal norms because she was pregnant and unmarried. They lived under foreign rulers, so his family had less power over their own lives. As soon as Jesus was born, King Herod wanted to kill him, so they ended up living as refugees in Egypt before they returned to Nazareth.*

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### **Answers to Handout 6-D, “In Preparation”**

Student answers will vary. The following are sample responses.

Under “This event or experience”:

- *The Baptism of Jesus (include a description of this event that incorporates details from pages 191–192)*
- *The Temptation in the Desert (include a description of this event that incorporates details from page 193)*
- *The Call of the Apostles (include a description of this event that incorporates details from pages 193–194)*

Under “prepared Jesus for this”:

- *prepared Jesus to enter into the public eye in a way that was familiar to the people; John the Baptist helped introduce Jesus; God reaffirmed his love for Jesus; people witnessed a moment of glory.*
- *prepared Jesus to resist temptation by “practicing” resisting the temptation of the devil when he was by himself; Jesus strengthened himself for difficult experiences.*
- *prepared Jesus for his ministry and enabled him to choose successors for his ministry. He chose friends so that he would not be alone; Jesus knew that he would not be around forever and so called people to learn and continue spreading his message; Jesus knew he would always be surrounded by crowds, and so having a small group of close followers and helpers would be important in his ministry.*