

**Essay from the bald pastor
#93 - The Birth of a King -**

Princess Catherine, who was the first non-aristocratic commoner to marry an heir to the British throne since Anne Hyde married James, Duke of York, in 1660, gave birth to a baby boy on July 22, 2013. Much anticipated birth of a royal baby stirred the entire country. People gathered and celebrated in front of the Buckingham Palace with many of them exclaiming, "I cannot be any happier to witness such a historical moment as the birth of our future king." Media from all over the world flocked in front of St. Mary's Hospital where the baby was born. They were joined by Royal Family fans as well as onlookers, creating a chaotic sight.

The economic impact arising from this event was estimated to be 37.2 billion yen, among which, approximately 9.5 million dollars was solely from the sales of champagnes for celebration. There is a reason behind British people's extreme reaction to the event. The birth of Prince George is to be followed by the first baby of Zara Philips who is due next year. Zara is a granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth. This is considered to be the first "Royal Baby Boom" since 1971 and is expected to help stop the country's declining birth rate.

The Lindo Wing at St. Mary's Hospital where Princess Catherine stayed in is facing a public road, and only 20 meters from its entrance is a café full of the locals. This fact, indeed, is a manifestation of "approachable royal family", the image that the British Royalty has promoted for a long time. What's more astonishing is that the couple decided to raise their baby at their own home, which has never been done in the royal family history. That means, the future king of the Great Britain will be brought up just like any other babies. The world saw the couple's commitment to this decision when they left the hospital. It was Prince William himself that placed the baby seat inside the car and drove off with his new family. People fell in love with him yet again.

There is a similar story in the Bible. It's "The Birth of Jesus," precisely.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
Luke 2:8-12

It was working class commoners that witnessed the birth of the Messiah, which was predicted over 1000 years prior. Jesus Christ was born from a commoner's daughter in a horse barn. He grew up, worked, and lived with commoners. Not only that, he helped people in need and sacrificed himself for our sins in the end. Being God, he was able to come back to life and ascend to heaven. Ever since, he continues to send the spirit to those who believe in him and guide us every day. What a humbled God he is. The royal family is nowhere near Jesus Christ in terms of being close to common people. This "approachable God" has kept billions of people in love with him for thousands of years.

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