

FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE
MARK 10:45 / DECEMBER 17, 2017 AM

I. THE CRADLE IS A SYMBOL OF JESUS' IDENTITY.

- A. The cradle or the manger is mentioned in scripture, but the stable isn't.
- B. What does the cradle or manger tell us about who Jesus was?
 - 1. It tells us that Jesus was born just like every other child is born.
 - 2. It tells us that Jesus wasn't born where most babies were born at that time, at home.
 - 3. It tells us that Jesus was born poor.
 - 4. It tells us that Jesus' birth in Bethlehem was not an accident--Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4.

II. THE CRADLE FORESHADOWED THE CROSS.

- A. A field called Magdala Edar was five miles from the Temple --John 1:29.
- B. If the cradle is a symbol of Jesus' birth, then the cross is a symbol of his death.
- C. The cross was a cruel instrument of death--Mark 10:45.