

# John 7:42

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? The objectors cite correct Scripture—Messiah comes from David's line and Bethlehem (2 Samuel 7:12-13, Micah 5:2). Their scriptural knowledge is accurate, but they apply it wrongly due to incomplete information about Jesus. Jesus does fulfill these requirements (Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 2:4-7), but they don't know His birth narrative. This shows how correct theology wrongly applied can lead to false conclusions.

## Historical Context

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Micah 5:2 clearly prophesied Messiah's Bethlehem origin. Jewish authorities cited this to Herod when magi inquired about the newborn king (Matthew 2:4-6). Matthew and Luke carefully establish Jesus's Bethlehem birth and Davidic descent. The objectors' error wasn't Scripture knowledge but incomplete knowledge of Jesus's background. This parallels modern objections based on misunderstanding Christian claims.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How can correct biblical knowledge lead to wrong conclusions if misapplied?
2. What does this teach about thorough investigation before rejecting claims about Christ?
3. How do we ensure we have complete information before making spiritual judgments?

## Interlinear Text

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Hath not the scripture said That of the seed  
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Δαβίδ, καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλέεμ τῆς κώμης ὅπου ἦν Δαβίδ,  
David and out of of Bethlehem G3588 the town where was David  
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ο Χριστὸς ἔρχεται  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Micah 5:2** (Parallel theme): But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

**Matthew 2:5** (Parallel theme): And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

**Jeremiah 23:5** (References David): Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

**Luke 2:4** (References David): And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

**Isaiah 11:1** (Parallel theme): And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

**Matthew 1:1** (References Christ): The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

**Psalms 132:11** (References David): The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

**Luke 2:11** (References Christ): For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

**1 Samuel 16:1** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

**Psalms 89:4** (Parallel theme): Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.