"The Birth Of Jesus" Matthew 1:18-25 Sunday Morning December 25, 2011

Matt. 1:21

Jesus - "Savior"

The Gospel of Matthew theme is "Jesus Christ The King"

- 1. Verses 18-20 God Our Messiah:
- 2. Verse 21 God Our Savior:
- 3. Verses 22-25 God With Us:

1. Verses 18-20 - God Our Messiah:

Matt 1:18

"Now" – Matt 1:1-17, The genealogy of the King.

Matt 1:16

Jesus comes from the name Joshua, which means "Jehovah is salvation"

The word Christ means "anointed"; it is the Greek equivalent of Messiah. He is "Jesus the Messiah"; Immanuel describes who He is—"God with us"

Jesus – The Son of God's name identifying Him with Humanity.

Christ – "Anointed One, Messiah"; Christ is His official title.

Genesis 3:15

There were 3 stages to a Jewish Marriage:

- 1. Engagement –
- 2. Betrothal -
- 3. Marriage Proper -

<u>Conceived by the Holy Spirit</u>: "she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit."

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh,"

Isaiah 7:14

Luke 1:26-35

Overshadow – The word "Describes God's presence in the sanctuary"; Speaks of a conscience experience.

John 3:6

1 John 5:1

1 Tim 3:16

Matt 1:19

"And Joseph" - "To act or add"

"her husband, being a righteous man," – "used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God"

Matt 1:20

Angels – Are ministering spirits. Heb 1:14

<u>Confirmed by the Holy Angel</u>: "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."

2. Verse 21 – God Our Savior:

Matt 1:21

The phrase "you shall call his name" is used 4X in Scripture:

1. Ishmael - Gen. 16:11

Ishmael – means "God will hear"; This name was to remind Hagar that God heard her and helped her in her hour of great need.

2. Isaac – This was Abraham's second son.

Gen. 17:19

Isaac – "Laughter"; This was to remind Abraham and Sarah how they had laughed at the promise of God, Abraham in joy and Sarah in unbelief.

Ishmael – This first son who was named by God <u>represents the</u> flesh.

Isaac – He represents the Spirit. He was born of Abraham's and Sarah's faith in God.

3. John The Baptist - Luke 1:13

John – "God is gracious"; This baby was sent by God to prepare the way for the Messiah who would bring God's grace to the world.

4. Jesus - Matt. 1:21

Jesus comes from the name Joshua, which means "Jehovah is salvation"

3. Verses 22-25 - God With Us:

Matt 1:22

<u>Confirmed by the Holy Scriptures</u>: "spoken by the Lord through the prophet"

"Evidence That Demands A Verdict" By Josh McDowell quotes an author named Peter Stoner in "Science Speaks"

Matt 1:23 Isaiah 7:14

Heb 2:17-18

Matt 1:24

Joseph's Obedience Was Immediate – "And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him,"

Joseph's Obedience Was Complete - "and took her as his wife,"

Matt 1:25

Matt. 12:46

Matt. 13:55-56

Mark 3:31-32

Luke 8:19-20

John 7:3-5

Phil. 2:6-11

Application:

- 1. Why The Virgin Birth Is Important: Because if Mary and Joseph are the parents of Jesus, then Jesus is not God but a man, and if He is a man we cannot be forgiven of our sins because only God can forgive.
- 2. The Virgin Birth Is God's Method By Which God Would Become Man.
- 3. God Declares Mankind Lost. God's Remedy Is Jesus, Which Means "Jehovah Is Salvation".
- 4. God Knew Life To Be To Demanding, So God Sent Us IMMANUEL, Which Means, "GOD WITH US".