

"FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS"

MATTHEW 1:18-25

TEXT: VERSE 21

INTRO: As we get closer and closer to Christmas many events are going on and many thoughts are filling our minds with many things we have to do between now and then. This time of the year is normally very busy and sometimes I think it gets **so busy that we forget what the season is really all about**. Though this time of the year is filled with a myriad of activities, the **real purpose is to focus on and honor Christ as we celebrate His INCARNATION**. In celebrating Christ's INCARNATION, we do well to remember **WHY HE CAME INTO THE WORLD**. Matthew 1:21 teaches Jesus Christ came into the world to **"SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS."** Let's focus on that great truth today.

NOTE ONE: The GOSPEL OF MATTHEW was written to emphasize **JESUS CHRIST AS KING**. That is why it begins with an extensive genealogy indicating He is **THE SON OF KING DAVID**. The DAVIDIC COVENANT, given to David by God in 2 Samuel 7:8-16, indicates that David will always have an heir as an eternal King on his throne over Israel. **JESUS CHRIST IS THAT ETERNAL KING.**

NOTE TWO: This great genealogy also traces JESUS back to ABRAHAM and the ABRAHAMIC COVENANT, given to Abraham by God in Genesis 12:1-3 that shows Jesus' Jewish heritage as well.

NOTE THREE: The genealogy also indicates the family relationship of Jesus. Verse 16 teaches that Jesus was born of **MARY**, His mother whose husband was **JOSEPH**, thus showing that Jesus was related to **MARY** but **not to Joseph**.

A CLOSER LOOK AT MATTHEW 1:21

NOTE: "She shall bring forth a son."

- A fulfillment of Isaiah 9:6 - "A SON shall be given."
- A reference to Christ's virgin birth - "SHE shall bring forth a son."

NOTE: "Thou shalt call His Name JESUS."

- "Jesus" comes from "Joshua" which means "Salvation is of the Lord."

I. THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST

"FOR HE"

- A. Jesus Christ Himself, and **NO OTHER ONE**, is Our Salvation
-John 8:24; Acts 4:12
 1. Very Selective - **Christ was SELECTED by the Father to be the Savior.**
 2. Very Intensive - **Christ is the DEFINITE Savior.**
 3. Very Exclusive - **Christ is the ONLY Savior.**
- B. Jesus Christ Himself, **IN HIS OWN PERSON**, is Our Salvation
 1. Christ, Himself, made PEACE through His Cross - Colossians 1:16-20
 2. Christ, Himself, is the PROPITIATION for our sins through His Cross
-1 John 2:2
- C. Jesus Christ Himself, **THROUGH HIS OWN WORK**, is Our Salvation
-John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 15:11

ILLUSTRATION:

II. THE PURPOSE OF JESUS CHRIST

"SHALL SAVE"

- A. The Definite Meaning of Save
 1. To Deliver - **From the power, penalty and presence of sin.**
 2. To Provide Safety - **From Satan's destruction.**
 3. To Preserve - **For all of eternity.**
 4. To Heal - **From the disease of sin.**
 5. To Make Sound - **In a solid relationship with God**
- B. The Definite Determination to Save
 1. Christ taught, healed, fed and did many other things for people.
 2. Christ **DETERMINED** to provide Salvation
-Providing salvation was His main purpose for coming to Earth and neither Satan nor any other person deterred Him from doing so. (Note His experience in the Garden of Gethsemane)
- C. The Definite Need to Save
 1. The World (Human race) is lost in sin and **cannot save itself**
-Romans 3:19.
 2. The Individual is lost in sin and **cannot save himself** - Romans 3:20 .
- D. The Definite Action to Save
-Jesus Christ **DEFINITELY DID GO TO THE CROSS.**
 1. Proven Biblically - John 19:13-42

2. Proven Historically - Many references

-*"THE ANTIQUITIES OF THE JEWS"* (Josephus-Vol. IV Page 11)

ILLUSTRATION:

III. THE PEOPLE OF JESUS CHRIST

"HIS PEOPLE"

A. Christ came **FIRST** to the Jews (His People) - John 1:11,12; Romans 1:16

1. He Came to His Own People - John 1:11
2. He was Rejected by His Own People - John 1:11
3. He will Save His Own People - Romans 11:26

B. Christ came **SECONDLY** to the Gentiles (His Creation)

- John 1:11,12; Romans 1:16

1. After He was rejected by the Jews
2. All people are invited to be Saved

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. THE PROSPECT OF JESUS CHRIST

"FROM THEIR SINS"

A. "Sins" include **IMPUTED SINS** - Placed on our account through Adam

B. "Sins" include **TRANSMITTED SINS** - Passed down from parents

C. "Sins" include **PERSONAL SINS** - Individual acts of sin

ILLUSTRATION:

LESSON/APPLICATION

- Receive Christ if you have not.
- Worship and Serve Christ if you have.