



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (NAS)

Topic: "Announcement of His Birth"

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- 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.
- 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.
- 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
- 21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."
- 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
- 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."
- 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife,
- 25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

I. THE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. The Miraculous Nature Of The Birth
- B. The Nature Of The Child

II. HANDLING THE MIRACULOUS

- A. It Goes Beyond Our Ability Of Comprehension *Isaiah 55:8*
- B. It Stands Within His Power To Accomplish
- C. We Need To Simply Believe It

III. THE EXAMPLE OF JOSEPH

- A. Reflected Godly Wisdom
- B. He Waited Upon The Lord *Proverbs 3:5,6*

IV. GOD ANSWERED WITH TWO NAMES

A. The Name Jesus - Savior

- 1. From the debt of sin *Romans 3:23*
- 2. From the dominion of sin
- 3. From the presence of sin

B. The Name Emmanuel – God With us

- 1. Truths necessary for salvation
- 2. It declares He took on human flesh
 - a. Experiences of a child
 - b. Experiences of adulthood *Hebrews 4:15*
- 3. He is God
 - a. He knew the mind of men
 - b. He had power over Satan
 - c. He had power to heal
 - d. He had power to give life
 - e. He had power to save *John 8:58; John 10:30; Matthew 28:28,29; John 10: 27-28*