

Why Was the Savior Born?

Matthew 1:1-25

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1. The Savior was born because mankind has a sin problem (21).
 - a. Joseph was commanded to name his Son, Jesus (21).
 - i. Jesus (Yeshua in the Hebrew) means "Jehovah is salvation."
 - ii. Just as Joshua was a champion of the nation of Israel during their conquest of the promised land, Jesus would be a deliverer of His people in a spiritual sense.
 - b. Jesus came to save His people from their sins (21).
 - i. Jesus came not because His people deserved Him, but because they needed Him.
 - ii. Abraham was declared righteous because of his faith, not his works (Genesis 15:6). He ran ahead of God and fathered an illegitimate child, Ishmael.
 - iii. David was called a man after God's own heart as a young man (1 Samuel 13:14), yet he later committed adultery and murder.
 - iv. Solomon was the product of David's adultery with Bathsheba; he was the wisest man to ever live, and yet he set the stage for Israel's struggle with idolatry.
 - v. Also highlighted in Christ's genealogy are Tamar, who prostituted herself with her father-in-law, Judah (Genesis 38), and Rahab the harlot who hid the 2 Hebrew spies during the conquest of Canaan (Joshua 12).
2. The Savior was born because God keeps His promises (21-23).
 - a. Jehovah is the covenant keeping name of God.
 - b. The prophets called upon this name to substantiate their prophecies.
 - i. Moses (Exodus 3:14)
 - ii. Isaiah (Isaiah 42:8)
 - iii. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 33:2)
 - c. God promised to send His Son to this earth in human flesh (22-23).
 - i. Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."
 - ii. Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."
 - iii. Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."
 - iv. Isaiah 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
3. The Savior was born to provide the only way to a relationship with God (23).
 - a. Christ came to reconcile us to God, "God with us" (23).
 - b. Ever since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, mankind is born with a sin nature; we sin because we are sinners, and that sin separates us from God.
 - i. Genesis 2:16-17 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."
 - ii. Ezekiel 18:20 "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."
 - iii. Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death..."
 - iv. Revelation 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."
 - c. Christ came to die in our place so that we could have an eternal relationship with God.
 - i. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

- ii. John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?
- d. Just as Joseph responded in faith the angel's message, each of us must choose whether or not to believe the promises of God and trust Christ to save us from our sins and give us eternal life!

Conclusion:

1. Would you agree that you have a sin problem?
2. Would you agree that your sin has separated you from God?
3. Would you be willing to trust what Christ has done for you, rather than what you've done for Him?
4. If you have already trusted Christ, are you telling others about what Christ has done for you?