

MESSAGE NOTES

“BELIEVE ~ THE GREATEST STORY EVERY TOLD”

12.22.24

PART IV

¹⁸This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. ‘Joseph, son of David,’ the angel said, ‘do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

²²All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet:

²³ ‘Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’

²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.” – MATTHEW 1:18-25

JOSEPH’S PREDICAMENT (VV. 18-19)

- Mary & Joseph were _____ (“betrothed”)
- Mary is _____
- Joseph is faced with a _____
- What do you do when faced with a _____ if not _____ situation?
- Where is God in your _____ process?

GOD’S PLAN (VV. 20-23)

- The angelic _____
- The angelic _____
- The angelic _____
- The angelic _____

“...he will save his people from their sins.” (v. 21)

→ The _____ of sin

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JOSEPH’S OBEDIENCE (VV. 24-25)

- Joseph responded _____
- Joseph responded out of _____

OUR RESPONSE

1. _____ that Jesus truly is Emmanuel (“God with us”)
2. _____ in Jesus Christ as your savior; the One who has come to save YOU from your sin

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” – JN 3:16

“The Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.” – JN 1:14