

The Christmas Message in the Four Gospels: The Coming of Christ in Matthew

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Matthew 1:18-25 English Standard Version

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from 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 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Introduction and Background

- I hate to mention this song because it will be in your head for hours but here it goes,
“I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas” (Song by Gayla Peevey)

I want a hippopotamus for Christmas

Only a hippopotamus will do I don't want a doll, no dinky Tinkertoy

I want a hippopotamus to play with and enjoy I want a hippopotamus for Christmas

- I think we might fail to see just how crazy this request is of wanting a hippopotamus for Christmas

- considering the Hippopotamus is one of the most _____ animals on the planet
This comes from BBC Wildlife

“When you think of deadly African wildlife, you might perhaps assume lions took the top spot. In actual fact, hippos kill many more people every year. Causing an estimated 500 deaths annually (as compared to only 22 for lions), hippos are deadly land mammals. This is because they are very aggressive and territorial, and have a habit of charging at boats and capsizing them. The people on board then either drown or are killed by the animals themselves. Weighing an average of 3000 pounds (males), with large sharp teeth, it’s certainly an animal you wouldn’t want to face up against.”

- are you sure you want a hippopotamus for Christmas?

- this is a very _____ idea

- this is like my daughter singing I want a rattlesnake for Christmas, or I want a polar bear for Christmas

- these are not _____ ideas

- but this is like so many people want things that are not good for them, they are _____ for them

- but God has given us the _____ gift and much of humanity has rejected this gift

- although much of humanity wants nothing to do with God’s gift, it is the gift that we all desperately _____

- God’s gift to us deals with our most desperate need and that need is to have _____ of sins and be reconciled back to God

- Hear the passages found in the gospel of _____ that speak about God’s amazing gift to the world: Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will _____ his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his _____ Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

- God gives us Jesus, who, like His _____ means, He will _____ us from our sins

- God also will _____ with us, so that we can enjoy His presence

- WOW, what a gift of _____ that we all most desperately need

- Praise the Lord for what God has done for us through Jesus Christ

- the gospel of Matthew has been written by _____ the apostle who was called by Jesus Christ

- when you read the other gospels, Matthew is called _____ but in the gospel of Matthew he is called "Matthew"

- Matthew records his encounter with Jesus in Matthew 9:9-10

Matthew 9:9-10 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the _____ booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

- the gospel of Matthew also records the tax collectors' _____ for Jesus and Peter to pay the tax which none of the other gospel record

- likely, this is because Matthew, being a tax collector, wants to highlight this event

Matthew 17:24-26 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the tax?" ²⁵ He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?" ²⁶ And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. ²⁷ However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

- we do not know who initially received the _____ of Matthew

- it has been argued that this gospel was written to a church that was enduring persecution and suffering

- in preparation for this sermon, I read the gospel of Matthew with a focus upon what Matthew has written about _____ Christ

- I also read Matthew with the focus upon why Jesus came to the earth

- So we will be answering the question, "_____ is Jesus?" and "_____ did Jesus come to the earth?"

We will answer these questions while we look at 4 important truths described in the gospel of Matthew

- 1) Jesus is the Son of _____
- 2) Jesus is the Son of Man

3) Jesus is the Son of _____

4) Jesus is the Saviour

1) Jesus is the Son of David

- the gospel of Matthew establishes very clearly that Jesus is the King of Israel in the _____ line of David

- Jesus fulfills the promise given to David all the way back in the book of 2 Samuel

- God promises that the family of David will always be on the _____ of Israel

2 Samuel 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

- the first verse in the gospel of Matthew says that Jesus is from the family tree of David and thus according to Jewish tradition Jesus is a “_____ of David”

Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

- you might wonder why _____ would start out his gospel with the family tree of Jesus going back to Abraham

- the North American family culture has become very fractured

- just by way of example how many relatives do you want to remove from your family tree?

- we all have that relative that has been twice removed

- but in Jewish culture the family was important and the family tree was important

- it is important that we know that Jesus is from the _____ tree of Abraham and David so we can be confident that Jesus is rightfully the _____ of Israel

- this is important because Matthew wants to _____ the readers of his gospel that Jesus is the King of Israel and the Messiah

- also look at some of the names included in the family tree of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17

- there is Rahab who was a prostitute

- there is Ruth who was not _____ but a Moabite

- there is Tamar who was guilty of incest

- there is Bethsheba who committed adultery with David

- these names have been included so that we can be _____ of the great grace of God

- _____ are included in the family of God
- in the gospel of Matthew on several occasions, people cry out to Jesus _____ Him "the Son of David"
- who calls Jesus the Son of David in the gospel of Matthew?
- 4 blind men and a Canaanite _____
- two men who are blind cry out to the Son of David, asking Jesus to heal them
Matthew 9:27 And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have _____ on us, Son of David."
- Matthew 20:30 And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have _____ on us, Son of David!"
- also a Canaanite woman desiring her daughter to be _____ who was demon possessed calls Jesus the Son of David (Matthew 15:22)
- _____ is the Son of David which means He is the Messiah and King over Israel
- this is how Jesus is celebrated in Matthew 21 as He _____ Jerusalem
- He is _____ as a King and blessed
Matthew 21:9 And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

2) Jesus is the Son of _____

- the phrase Son of Man is given to Jesus Christ many times in the gospel of _____
- the phrase Son of Man can mean _____ things in the Bible:
 - 1) to be _____
 - 2) to be a suffering servant
 - 3) to be _____
- Jesus is _____ of these
- Jesus is _____ God and fully man and He came to suffer on the cross for sinners
- in Matthew 17:12 Jesus says that He, the Son of Man, will suffer at the _____ of the Jewish religious establishment
- and that is _____ what happened to Jesus, they crucified Him on the cross

- in Matthew 9:1-8, some people brought a man who was paralyzed to Jesus so that he could be _____
- Jesus said to this man, "your sins are _____"
- the religious scribes accused Jesus of blasphemy, which means, in this context, that Jesus was _____ to be God and they did not think Jesus was God
- listen to how Jesus responds to the religious scribes

Matthew 9:6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to _____ sins"-- he then said to the paralytic-- "Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷ And he rose and went home.

- all humans are in _____ or slavery to sin
- only God can forgive sins, but we see here the Son of Man _____ sins, that is because the Son of Man, who is Jesus, is _____

- the Son of Man, Jesus, came to the earth to _____ by going to the cross and dealing with our sin

- Jesus describes _____ he came to the earth, to die in place of sinners

Matthew 20:28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to _____, and to give his life as a _____ for many."

- Jesus _____ His people from the bondage of sin and they are _____
- believers in the Son of Man are set free from the consequences of sin and free to _____ for Christ!

- in the gospel of Matthew, the Son of Man also will come back in glory to _____ the living and the dead

- Jesus is a holy God who will _____ victorious and judge the living and the dead

Matthew 24:30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with _____ and great glory.

- Daniel 7:13-14 speaks about the Son of Man _____ in glory

Daniel 7:13-14 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a _____ of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should _____ him; his dominion is an

everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- the Son of Man describe in _____ is exactly how Jesus is described in the book of Matthew

- Jesus is the Son of Man, He is human, He _____ on the cross and will come back to _____ the living and dead

3) Jesus is the Son of God

- next, Jesus is called the Son of _____ in the gospel of Matthew

- to be the Son of God means that God is your Father and if God is your Father that means that you are _____ with God

- if one is equal with God then that person is God

- Jesus is addressed _____ times as the Son of God in the gospel of Matthew

a) the demons know that Jesus is the Son of God

- two _____ possessed men say this to Jesus

Matthew 8:29 And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

b) the _____, after Jesus walks on water, claim that Jesus is the Son of God and worship Jesus

Matthew 14:33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

c) the centurion, after the death of Jesus and a great earthquake, _____ that Jesus is truly the Son of God

Matthew 27:54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, " _____ this was the Son of God!"

- Jesus is God who _____ on water because He is sovereign over _____ the elements of the earth

- isn't it amazing that God assumes human nature and dwells with us

- that is why Jesus is called Immanuel (Matthew 1:23) which means God _____ us!

4) Jesus is the Saviour

- "Jesus, Jesus, there is something about that name..."

- that phrase from the great hymn is so true

- we see that Joseph was commanded by the angel to _____ the baby, Jesus!
Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall _____ his name Jesus, for he will _____ his people from their sins."

- we see the complete obedience to God by Joseph when he _____ the baby Jesus

Matthew 1:25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name _____.

- so what does the name of Jesus actually mean and why was Jesus named Jesus?

- the name Jesus is derived from the _____ name "Joshua"

- the name Joshua comes from the Hebrew word "save" or "deliver"

- just like Matthew 1:21 says, He will be called Jesus because HE WILL _____ His people from their sins

- Jesus lives up to _____ name and came to the earth on a "saving mission"

- Jesus is a great moral teacher yes, but Jesus is not _____ a great moral teacher

- when I hear some people speak about Jesus they think He was just only a great guy who showed us how to love

- they _____ that Jesus came to show us how to accept all people

- but Jesus came foremost to save His people from the _____ of their sin

- Jesus is the _____, and He saves people from the consequences of their sin, which is God punishment for their sin

- Jesus when he was on the cross cried out:

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you _____ me?"

- Jesus was _____ by God because he took upon the wrath of God upon the cross

- Jesus saves people from the guilt of their sin

- we are all _____ of sin, I even heard an atheist confess that he had a guilty conscience from the bad that he had committed

- only Jesus can _____ us from our guilty conscience because He bore the punishment of the _____ things that we have done
- praise the Lord! Jesus _____! Jesus saves!

Application

1) Jesus _____ for Sinners!

- have you ever received a Christmas gift that you did not want and was not very useful?
- this gift was just not for you and maybe you even re-gifted it to someone else?
- the gift of God who is Jesus Christ is exactly what we _____ and He is very essential; we need Christ daily and even hourly because we _____ daily and hourly
- if you think that you are on God's _____ list because you have been a _____ person, you are sadly mistaken
- we all _____ to be on the naughty list because we have all sinned
- Solomon who did a lot of sinning himself and observed many things _____ the sun said this about the human condition
Ecclesiastes 7:20 Surely there is _____ a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.
- Praise the Lord that is why Jesus came to earth to _____ sinners
Matthew 9:13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
- those who are righteous do not need a Savior, but _____ is righteous
- some might think that the gospel of Matthew is not _____ with the love, peace, joy and hope that they want to think about at Christmas time
- if you are not thinking about the work of Christ and Christ Himself you do not have love, peace, joy and hope at all
- if you are outside Jesus Christ respond to His gracious work on the cross done for you by _____ your sin and your pride and leaning upon Him
- _____ upon Christ Jesus and what He has done for you
- _____ Jesus Christ and His work accomplished for you

- then you will have:

- 1) the _____ of God
- 2) _____ with God
- 3) joy from God
- 4) _____ from God

- if you are serving Christ today, because Jesus Christ has _____ you, you are able to lay down your life in submission to Christ and _____ for Christ

- only Jesus saves and we see this by the words of Jesus in Matthew 16

Matthew 16:24-26 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will _____ it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

- as followers of Jesus _____ your lives in submission to Christ

- keep _____ sin and keep seeking mercy from Jesus Christ

- keep confessing your sins and keep _____ the Lord for all His grace given to you

- let us respond to Jesus just like the wise men with joy and _____

Matthew 2:10-11 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

2) Spread the Love, Peace, Joy, and Hope of Christ

- when you have watched as many Christmas movies as I have over the last few years, you realize that you are getting scammed and it is not by a "kindergarten"

- the typical Christmas movie makes the Christmas season out to be the season when all problems are _____

- at Christmas time, if you are lonely, no worries, you meet the love of your life

- at Christmas time, if you are broke, no worries, money will just show up

- at Christmas time, if you are unhappy, no worries, you will have a joyful life

- at Christmas time, if your family is broken, no worries, you will have a reconciled family

- this pretty much sums up most Christmas movies

- Christmas movies are the farthest thing from reality
- no wonder many people do not like the Christmas season, and are burden with depression and anxiety at Christmas

- _____ there is a _____ for the world – it is shown in the gift of God who is Jesus Christ

1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he _____ us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- there is a _____ for the world – this peace is found in the person and work of Jesus Christ

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have _____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- there is _____ for the world – this joy is found in Jesus Christ and we can even be joyful in suffering and difficult circumstances

Romans 5:2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we _____ in hope of the glory of God.³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

- finally, there is _____ for the world – we can have the hope of _____ life through Jesus Christ

- these Christmas movies are getting their messages out but are we, as _____ in Jesus Christ, getting the message of our Saviour out so that people might come to know the wonderful grace of Jesus

- at the end of the gospel of Matthew, _____ makes the bold declaration that He is God

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, _____ with you always, to the end of the age."

- all authority is _____ to Him

- Jesus gives us a final command to make disciples!

- we are to teach people the message of Christ which is the _____

- we are to _____ people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - we are to exhort people to obey the words of Jesus Christ
 - this great commission is hard because many people are hostile to Jesus Christ and His message
 - but the Lord gives us a _____ that He will be with us
 - Jesus is be _____ us because He is Immanuel – God with us!
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- I hope you do not want a hippopotamus for Christmas, they are dangerous but they are not nearly as dangerous as _____ Jesus Christ as your Saviour
 - so let us be instruments of _____, peace joy and hope to Dryden with our words and our actions so that all can know the great _____ of Jesus Christ

Coming UP...

Dec 11 - Pastor Adam Hall -- **The Christmas Message in the Four Gospels: The Coming of Christ in Mark** -- Mark 10:42-45

- Dec 4 - First Sunday for Mitten Tree
 - Dec 4 - Christmas Fellowship Luncheon following the service
 - Dec 11 - Celebration of Christmas at the Full Gospel Church @ 7:00pm
 - Dec 14 – (Wed @ 1:00) assembly of cookie plates for the Cookie Ministry
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Brief Outline

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