Matt 1:18-25

Historical and Theological Lessons from Jesus' Birth!

Jesus WAS Conceived by the Spirit (vv. 18, 20)

Jesus IS the Son of David (vv. 19-20)

Jesus IS the Saviour (v. 21)

Jesus **IS** the fulfilment of Scripture (vv. 22-23)

Jesus IS God with Us (v. 23)

Jesus WAS Born of a Virgin (vv. 24-25)

Application of Matt 1:18-25

- 1. Consider the significance of Jesus being conceived "by the Holy Spirit." How does this reveal who Jesus is?
- 2. Joseph demonstrated justice and compassion (v. 19), as well as obedience (vv. 24-25), what lessons can you learn from Joseph?
- 3. What role did Joseph have in the story of Jesus' upbringing? Why was this necessary for Jesus to be the Son of David and legal heir to David's throne?
- 4. Reflect on Jesus' mission to save His people from their sins (see also Isaiah 53; Acts 4:12; Rom 4:25; 5:6-8; 1 Cor 15:3; 1 Pet 3:18; 1 John 4:10).
 - a. Thank God for the salvation you've found in Him and ask God for opportunities to tell others the great news.
- 5. What's the significance of Matthew referring to "what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet" as it relates to the inspiration, authority, and inerrancy of Scripture?
 - a. How does this (or should this) impact your own view and application of the Bible?
- 6. In what way does Matthew understand Isaiah's quote from 7:14 is not just speaking of a child being born of a virgin, but is part of a grander theological picture of who this child will be?
 - a. Consider the plural reference to the "house of David" (vv. 13-14), the other uses of "Immanuel" in 8:8, 10, and further description of a coming king who will rule on David's throne (e.g. 9:6-7; chapter 11)
 - b. How does Jesus' birth story fulfil what Isaiah spoke?
- 7. How is Jesus the ultimate fulfilment of God being with us (see also John 1:14; Matt 28:20)?
 - a. What comfort and encouragement does this give you?

Reading this week: Matthew 1:18-2:12

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

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