

Matthew Handout

Week Three

Review:

Mat1:18 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. **9** 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.

The miraculous physiology

No biologically human father. Why?

Eph. 2:3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Ps. 58 The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

Ps. 14:2 The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

It was necessary that Jesus be—

How many times did Matthew point this out? V.

How does the genealogy apply then?

Romans 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of *adoption* as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

Galatians 4:4-5: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son... so that we might receive *adoption* as sons.

What about Mary?

How did Jesus get in her womb?

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving (hovering like a bird) over the surface of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

Lk. 1:35 The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

Who/what was born of Mary, God or a human man?

Phil. 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name

Heb. 2:17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

2 Jn. 1:7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

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The trinity: Where is the Father- the HS- Jesus as God-

Jn. 1:3 Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

The theology of salvation:

Jn. 3:5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus (Yeshua-Yahweh saves), **for He** (autos-He Himself) **will save His people from their sins.**

Who is “He”?

Ps. 3:8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be upon Your people! Selah.

Jon. 2:9 But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation is of the LORD. (Yeshua Yahweh)

Isa. 43:10 understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me. "I, even I, am the LORD, and *there is no savior besides Me*.

To say that He Himself, Jesus, will save, is to say Jesus and God/Yahweh are one and the same. This would be an outrageous and blasphemous claim to make were it not true.

Who does He save?

Gal. 3:7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.

Eph. 3:6 the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

What does He save them from?

Immanuel

Jn. 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt (live in the same tent) among us,

The breadth and depth of "God with us"

-God is with us rather than

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-God is *with* us

-God is with *us*

Mat. 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jn. 14:3 ...I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to *Myself*, that where I am, there you may be also.

The message How God speaks to us...

22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet...

1 Pt. 1:10-11 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow

Types of Prophecy

Single and complete. One and done

Zech. 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Dual/Partial. Given as one prophecy with the effect that it sounds like one event, but is fulfilled, sometimes, in multiple stages or time periods.

Isa. 61:1-3 The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and *the day of vengeance of our God*;

Historical fulfillment as foreshadowing. The prophecy/ event, has already come to pass in history but it was meant as a warm-up, a mini picture of the greater event to come. Abraham offering his only son.

Dan. 11:36 "The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place.

Isa. 7—historical fulfillment as foreshadowing.

Isa. 7:3 Go out now to meet Ahaz (grasping), you (Isaiah-God saves) and your son Shear-jashub (a remnant shall return), at the end of the conduit (healing) of the upper (most high) pool (blessing), on the highway (exalted path) to the fuller's (cleansing) field.

Fulfilled

The Mess:

The Man: Joseph. What can we learn?

-You

-He is not

-He was

Our first lesson in righteousness.

-He was

Eph. 1: He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Righteousness means

-He was

-He was

The Meek

The woman

The child

v. 20b the *Child* who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall *call His name Jesus....*

Discussion

You can do them in any order. Pick whatever you like, or throw your own question out there.

1. Is there any part of your life that God “messed up” in a good way--in other words, God made your circumstances harder, but now you see a bigger, better future?
2. Has God ever clearly led you in a direction that you are still waiting to see the fruits of?
3. Of all the many ways God communicates to us-scripture, Holy Spirit, angels, dreams, nature, fellow believers, circumstances-which influences you the most?
4. Have you known any Joseph type characters in your life, people who are quietly and powerfully obedient, who do hard things to take care of others? These could be women as well.

Pray for each other.