

# Be in Awe of the Messiah

Matthew 1:18-25

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**BIG IDEA: This Christmas, be in awe that the Messiah has come.**

## I. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit (vv. 18-20)

Matthew 1:18 | “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.”

\*Except where noted, all Scripture references are in the English Standard Version (ESV).

“It is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible—far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God became one person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and most profound mystery in all the universe.”

- Wayne Grudem, *Bible Doctrine*, p. 246

Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, be amazed at His grace and worship the Christ.

## II. Jesus Christ saves us from our sins (v. 21)

A. “Jesus” - Yahweh Saves

B. “...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23)

C. “For the wages of sin is death,” (Romans 6:23)

1. “...will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might,” (2 Thessalonians 1:9)

2. “...fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 13:50)

3. “...the fire never goes out.” (Mark 9:43, NIV)

D. “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

E. “6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.” (Romans 5:6-9)

Jesus Christ saves us from our sins. Therefore, receive salvation and spread His message of salvation.

### **III. Jesus Christ is Immanuel (vv. 22-23)**

Matthew 1:22-23 | “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).”

A. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” (Matthew 18:20)

B. “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20b)

C. “For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing.” (Deuteronomy 2:7)

D. “5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.” (Joshua 1:5-6)

E. “3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.’” (Revelation 21:3-4)

Jesus Christ is Immanuel. Therefore, experience Immanuel today and anticipate Immanuel in eternity.

Matthew 1:24-25 | “When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.”

### **IV. Joyfully Submit to the Messiah's will for your life (vv. 24-25)**