## I. Jesus the Messiah – vv. 1-17 (last week)

II. Jesus the Savior – vv. 18-25

A) Born of humanity – vv. 18-21a

**B) Born into family** – vv. 6-11 (Col. 1:13-17)

1. A father's character – vs. 19

2. A father's calling – vs. 20

3. A father's conduct – vv. 24-25

C) Born of the Spirit – vv. 12-16
1. Call His name Jesus
2. Call His name Immanuel (Is. 7:14; Matt. 28:19-20)
<u>Conclusion</u> : God bringing salvation to our world, 1) The mother:
2) The surrogate:
3) The Spirit:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Tis more blessed to be spiritually related to Jesus Christ – to be His disciples, His brethren and the members – than to stand in the nearest temporal relation, than to be His brothers or His mother." -Jonathan Edwards; American theologian and pastor; 1703-1758

## **SERMON QUOTES**:

II. Jesus the Savior – vv. 18-25

A) Born of humanity – vv. 18-21a

## Ligon Duncan,

"A betrothal in Israel was much more final, much more committed, much more permanent, much more significant that our practice of modern engagement. When the Bible says that Mary was betrothed to Joseph, it means that the two of them had pledged in front of witnesses to be married to one another. Although they were neither living under the same roof, nor enjoying all of the privileges of being married, upon betrothal they were considered man and wife."

## **B) Born into family** – vv. 6-11

1. A father's character – vs. 19

Ligon Duncan, (on Joseph's character)

"He loves the law of God and knows that the marriage bed is undefiled. Marriage is holy, and so Joseph would not trifle with it."

C) Born of the Spirit – vv. 12-16

Matthew Henry,

"The Lord gives guidance to the thoughtful, not to the unthinking; ...Divine comforts most delight the soul when under the pressure of perplexed thoughts."