

Matthew 1

Jesus

Inter-Testament Period: 400 years of Silence.

No Prophetical Revelation Recorded

- **Silence** until the Angel Gabriel speaks to Zacharias about John the Baptist
- Yet...During this time of silence major **Political/Religious changes** were taking place

400 years of Political Change between Old/New Testaments

Israel's History at a glance

- Israel engulfed in idolatry since leaving Egypt in 1500BC through...
- Time Kings of Israel [1000 BC – 700BC] / 990 BC Kingdom is divided/Idolatry rampant/**God has enough**
- 720 BC Israel taken captive to Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar: Daniel and others in Babylon
- Daniel prophesies rise/fall of current world powers 500 years earlier: Babylon/Medo-Persia/Greece/Rome

400 BC Begin as Israel is back in the land

- **430-333 BC** Judea still under rule of current world power **Persia**
- **333 BC Alexander the Great** conquers Persia [Modern Iran] and dies there in 323 BC despairing more land to conquer
- **323 BC** Alexander's territory divided between his **4 Generals**
- **312 BC** Syria/Egypt fight for control of Judea. Egypt wins
- **285-247 BC** OT translated from Hebrew-Greek in Alexandria Egypt



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- a) Translated by 72 men/6 from each of 12 tribes. Called the **Septuagint**; i.e.70
 - b) Each scribe independently translating produce **identical translations**
 - c) Catholic Apocrypha written. Not considered inspired but historic
- **198 BC** Greek **Antiochus the Great** [III] takes Jerusalem from Egypt for Syria [ok]
 - **168 BC** [Son] **Antiochus Epiphanes** [IV] **defiles temple with sacrificing pig**
 - a) **Hated the Jews.** Pre-cursor to Anti-Christ as was Nero as was Hitler.

When these happenings were reported to the king, he thought that Judea was in revolt. Raging like a wild animal, he set out from Egypt and took Jerusalem by storm. He ordered his soldiers to cut down without mercy those whom they met and to slay those who took refuge in their houses. There was a massacre of young and old, a killing of women and children, a slaughter of virgins and infants. In the space of three days, eighty thousand were lost, forty thousand meeting a violent death, and the same number being sold into slavery. 2 Maccabees 5:11-14



- b) **Known as the Madman:** Abomination of Desolation

In an act of brazen disrespect, Antiochus raided the temple in Jerusalem, stealing its treasures, setting up an altar to Zeus, and sacrificing swine on the altar. When the Jews

expressed their outrage over the profaning of the temple, Antiochus responded by slaughtering a great number of the Jews and selling others into slavery. He issued even more draconian decrees: performing the rite of circumcision was punishable by death, and Jews everywhere were ordered to sacrifice to pagan gods and eat pig flesh.

Syria now ruling Israel under the Madman Antiochus Epiphany; God Manifest

- **166 BC- 63 BC** Maccabean period

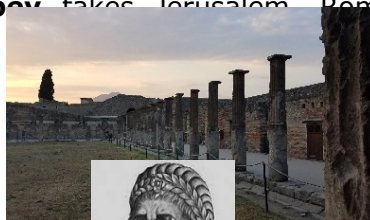
- c) Priest in Judea named Mattathias revolts against Syrian rule
- d) Incredible Jewish suffering/heroism during this time
- e) **Judas Maccabaeus** AKA "The Hammer" rises among Jews
- f) Jews see miraculous victory over Syrian control **and over Antiochus...**



But the all-seeing Lord, the God of Israel, struck him with an incurable and invisible blow. As soon as he stopped speaking he was seized with a pain in his bowels, for which there was no relief, and with sharp internal tortures— 6 and that very justly, for he had tortured the bowels of others with many and strange inflictions. 7 Yet he did not in any way stop his insolence, but was even more filled with arrogance, breathing fire in his rage against the Jews, and giving orders to drive even faster. And so it came about that he fell out of his chariot as it was rushing along, and the fall was so hard as to torture every limb of his body. 8 Thus he who only a little while before had thought in his superhuman arrogance that he could command the waves of the sea, and had imagined that he could weigh the high mountains in a balance, was brought down to earth and carried in a litter, making the power of God manifest to all. 2 Maccabees 9:5-9 [Pride before the fall e.g. Pharaoh, Hamon, Judas, Nero, Hitler etc.]

Israel assume control of the land for about a minute **before Rome invades...**

- **63 BC** Roman controlled Pompey takes Jerusalem. Rome begins its rule over Israel... and much of the world **lasting Time of the NT**



- appointed by Rome to be King of
- **31 BC Caesar Augustus** becomes
- **19 BC** Construction of Herod's during time Jesus childhood
- **4 BC Jesus is born in Bethlehem**



40 BC Herod Great is Judea. Edomite not Jew. emperor of Rome temple begins/continues



400 years of Political Change along with...

400 years of Religious Change between Old/New Testaments

- No more wood/stone idol worship after the Israel's 70 years of captivity in Babylon
- **Jewish Law keeping becomes the "new" idol of Jews**

Their Idol became their *own perceived ability to keep the law*

From a Relationship with God to a Religion without God

Result: Self-Righteousness / Pride on Steroids

At the time of Jesus birth...

- Everyday language changed from Hebrew to Aramaic [Hebrew still spoken in Synagogues]

NOTE: Synagogues came into existence **only after the Babylonian captivity**

Four Groups never mentioned in the OT emerge from these Synagogues, now the center of Jewish religious life: **Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and the Herodians**

1. **Pharisees:** The dominant party. Purpose was to defend the Jewish ways of life against foreign influences. Strict legalists with strong belief in the OT. Nationalists wanting to restore the kingdom back to the line of David, thus they were **both a religious and political power**. Today they would be known as **far right politically**/fundamental religiously.
2. **Sadducees:** Wealthy socially-minded and wanting to get rid of "tradition". As today most of the rich are **liberal**. They **were...Liberal** in theology to the point of **rejecting the supernatural**. Because of this they opposed the Pharisees. As with Greek Epicureans, Sadducees would agree "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" and "we will overcome our bodily appetites **by feeding them**" Did not believe in angels or the afterlife. This is why they were **Sad-you-see**.
3. **Scribes:** The only group that seems to have roots in the OT from the days of Ezra. These "hair-splitters" [sin-sniffers] were concerned with the letter, not the spirit of the law. NOTE: These guys knew where the Messiah was to be born when asked by Herod and were **satisfied with just that knowledge alone** ...but not interested in going Bethlehem to find Him! **Of them Jesus would say...**

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But **you are not willing to come to Me** that you may have life. Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes **and lastly...**

4. **Herodians:** This party of Jesus day were **strictly political** and seeking to keep King Herod on the throne as **they stayed in control**

Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and the Herodians: Four Groups never mentioned in the OT emerge from these relatively new man ordained Synagogues, now the center of Jewish religious life

- Life/Death/Resurrection/Ascension of Jesus is recorded in the Gospels; Good News

The Four Gospels Four-way stop sign looking at same event w/different perspective

Matthew	Israel	King of the Jews	Lion
Mark	Romans	Servant	Calf
Luke	Greeks	Man	Man
John	All	God	Eagle [Rev.4]

Introduction Gospel of Matthew

- **Date:** Before Jerusalem destroyed in 70 AD. [Mat Describes the Holy City still

standing]

- **Recipients:** Jews first then us
- **Emphasis:** Jewish stuff...

Matthew quotes more from OT than all 3 other Gospels combined!

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| 1. David's Throne | 33 | x |
| 2. Jesus as the Son of David | 9 | x |
| 3. Old Testament cross references/citations | 53 | x |
| 4. Jesus fulfilling Old Testament prophesy | 13 | x |
| 5. Jerusalem called "Holy City" and "City of the Great King" | | |
| 6. Law, Ceremonial Purity, Sabbath, Temple, David, term "Messiah" in view | | |

- **Purpose:** Evidence: Only Jesus can be Messiah/King to the Jews and all humanity
- **Theme:** The Kingdom of Heaven; i.e. Heaven's Reign over Earth as Jesus King
- **Author:** Matthew AKA **Levi**

1. Apostle of Jesus Christ: Sent out ones
2. First Ordained by the **Father**
3. **Then Chosen by Christ...**

Matthew 9:9 ...[Jesus] saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." **So [Matthew] arose and followed Him.**

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but **I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit [And that he would]

4. **Tax Collector:** Jew working for Rome/collecting taxes from fellow Jews. Hated

- Tax collectors drew near to Jesus as did bad guys to David

1 Samuel 22:2 ... everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented **gathered to him.** So [David] became captain over them.

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, **and I will give you rest.** 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls.**

- **Bums and bad guys welcome...**but you have to come His way

Matthew 9:13 [As the religious leaders mocked Jesus for sitting with a tax collector, He rebuked them saying] ... **I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."**

Know you're a sinner in need of a Savior? Tired? Repent and come to Him for rest

- **3 Major Discourses in Matthew**

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| 1. Sermon on the Mount | Law of the Kingdom | 5-7 |
| 2. Parables | Stories explaining the Kingdom | 13 |
| 3. Olivet Discourse | Establishment of the Kingdom | 23-25 |

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- **Self-Righteous Hypocrisy** of Pharisees Exposed/Rebuked/Judged
 1. Grace/welcome shown by the Father to the prodigal son back from the dead
 2. Elder brother [religious Jews] not happy...

Luke 15:25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And [the father] said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'²⁸ **"But [the older brother] was angry and would not go in..."**

**Jesus came to shake up the Self-Righteous and Satisfied
Show Grace to Humble and the Hurting. Bring New Wine**

Matthew Chapter Outline Exciting Book...

1. Genealogy/Virgin Birth
2. Wise Men/Flight to Egypt/ Back to Nazareth
3. John the Baptist
4. Jesus Tested/Public Ministry begins/Disciples Called
- 5-7 Sermon on the Mount
8. Six Miracles
9. Six more Miracles/Matthew called/ Conflict w/Pharisees
10. Commission of the 12 to Israel
11. Disciples of John/Judgment called for Unrepentant Cities
- 12. Jesus turns from Jews to the Gentiles...for a While**
13. Kingdom Parables
14. John the Baptist Beheaded/ 5000 Fed/Water Walk
15. Denouncement of Religion/Healing of Non-Jewish girl/4000 fed
16. More Religious Conflict/Peter's Confession/ Jesus talks of His Death/Resurrection
17. Transfiguration/Boy Delivered/ Coin in Fish
18. Lost Sheep/Forgiveness
19. Marriage and Divorce/Children Blessed/Rich Young Ruler/Apostles role in Millennium
20. Jesus Heals Blind
21. Jesus to Jerusalem/ Cleanses Temple/Curses Fig Tree
22. Marriage Feast
23. Woes to Scribes and Pharisees/ Weeping over Jerusalem
- 24-25 Olivet Discourse: End Time and Judgment
26. Plot/Supper/Betrayed and Disowned
27. Trial/Death/Burial
28. Resurrection/Great Commission

Matthew 1

- 1. Lineage** of the King
- 2. Birth** of the King
- 3. Name** of the King

I. Lineage of the King

- **3 Divisions in Genealogy**

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| 1. Abraham to David | 1-6 |
| 2. Solomon to Babylonian Captivity | 7-11 |
| 3. Babylonian Captivity to Joseph the Carpenter | 12-17 |

- **Proof of Jesus right to the Throne of Israel**

1. **Jew** traced back to **Abraham**
2. **King** traced back to **David**

The line of Abraham places Him in the nation, and the line of David places Him on the throne [JV McGee]

1 The book of the **genealogy of Jesus Christ**

- Genealogy's important to Jews then and now: 144,000 in trib will have to prove tribe

Luke	Jesus genealogy through Mary	Blood line	David's son Nathan
Matthew	Jesus genealogy through Joseph	Kingly line	David's son Solomon

- **Book of the Genealogy** [Generations] of Jesus. Phrase only here and Genesis...

Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the **genealogy of Adam**. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

- Adam called the First Adam [lit. man]
- **Jesus called the Last Adam**

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, "The **first man Adam** became a living being." The last Adam became a **life-giving spirit**.

Romans 5:12 ... just as through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned...**14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of **Adam**, who is a type of **Him who was to come**. **15** But the free gift is not like the offense. **For if by the one man's offense [Adam] many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.**

Adam sinned and all died in him
Jesus died that all who believe might live in Him

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| ▪ First Adam | Defeated in a Garden | Sin entered we died |
| ▪ Last Adam | Victorious in a Garden | Sin defeated we live |

We entered the book of the **Genealogy of Adam at our natural birth**
We enter the book of the **Genealogy of Jesus Christ as we are born-again**

- **Matthew presents Jesus as King...**

1b... [Jesus] the **Son of David**,

- Jesus descended from Adam and...

- **Jesus the Son of David**

1. Fulfilling the prophesies of David in Psalm 22
2. Fulfilling promises David 1000 yrs. after his death...King in David's line **forever**

2 Samuel 7:12 [God's promise to David] "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will **establish the throne of his kingdom forever.**"

- Son of Adam/**Son of David and...**

1c... [Jesus] the **Son of Abraham:**

- **Son of Abraham**

1. To fulfill prophesies/promises to Abraham
2. Your descendant **will bless the world**

Genesis 22:18 In your **seed all the nations** of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

Galatians 3:16 ...to Abraham **and his Seed** were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

- **Proof of Jesus right to the Throne of Israel:** Only One
 1. **Jew** Traced to Abraham
 2. **King** Traced to David

- **Section One:** Abraham to David. Past to Future

2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

- **Patriarchs:** Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- **12 Tribes:** Judah and his brothers the sons of Jacob

³ Judah begot Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. ⁴ Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. ⁵ Salmon begot Boaz by **Rahab**, Boaz begot Obed by **Ruth**, Obed begot Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by **her who had been the wife of Uriah.**

VV 3-4 **Four Gentile Women in Jesus Genealogy**

- **2 Canaanites**

1. **Tamar:** Posed as a Prostitute
2. **Rahab:** Practicing Prostitute

- **1 Moabite**

3. **Ruth:** Poor Moabite former idol worshiper

- **1 Hittite**

4. **Bathsheba:** Committed adultery w/ David. Known here only as "wife of Uriah"

- **Jesus Kingly Genealogy**

1. Section 1 Abraham to David
2. **Section 2 Solomon to Babylonian captivity** moving to Jesus

7 **Solomon** begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. ⁸ Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. ⁹ Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. ¹⁰ Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon **begot Josiah.**

2 Kings 23:25 [Great reformer King Josiah] ... before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with **all his heart**, with **all his soul**, and with **all his might**, according to all the Law of Moses; **nor after him did any arise like him.**

11 [King] Josiah begot [King] Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were **carried away to Babylon.**

- Section 1 Abraham to David
- Section 2 Solomon to Babylonian Captivity
- **Section 3 Babylonian Captivity to Joseph the Carpenter**

¹² And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. ¹³ Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. ¹⁴ Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. ¹⁵ Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. ¹⁶ And Jacob begot **Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.** ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ *are* fourteen generations.

SUMMARY Jesus Kingly Lineage through Joseph ...Long line very flawed people like us

- Abraham to David, David to Babylonian Captivity, Captivity to Birth of Jesus
- Some names omitted to fit 14 in each period [yet 4 Gentile Woman still included]
- **NOTE: Begot's stop at Joseph**

**Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.
Jesus born of Mary but not Joseph**

1. Lineage of the King
2. **Birth of the King**

II. Birth of the King

18 Now the **birth of Jesus Christ** was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with **child of the Holy Spirit.**

- **Bob Ross:** Here comes your bravery test...

**How big is your God?
Mary was found with child of the Holy Spirit**

- Joseph can only believe what seems obvious...

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

- **Betrothed:** Married but without sealing the deal
- **Adultery:** Stoned to death in public square
- **Joseph:** Just man chooses to secretly divorce Mary

Love of Joseph for Mary: Protecting even in his pain

**Sometimes God calls us to some really hard stuff. Period.
Result: His Glory and our Growth**

20 But while [Joseph] thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.** **21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **JESUS**, for **He will save His people from their sins.**"

**Don't be afraid Joseph. God is His Father.
You name Him...Name Him Jesus [Salvation]**

- Child conceived by the God the Holy Spirit through Mary...

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: **23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"** which is translated, **"God with us."** [Isaiah 7:14]

- **Virgin birth will bring forth Immanuel:** God with us
 1. 100% Man through Mary
 2. 100% God through His Holy Spirit

Q. Who could Bridge the Gap between sinful man and a Holy God

A. Holy God revealed as a perfect sinless man

Job 9:32 [There is no...] mediator between us, who may lay his hand on **us both**.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between **God and men**, the Man Christ Jesus...

- **He knows us intimately...**

Psalms 103:14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

- **God condescends to man** in the person of Jesus Christ born of a virgin...

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:5 Therefore, when [Jesus] came into the world, He said [to the Father]: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but **a body You have prepared for Me**."

- And that through a teenager named Mary
- **Angel visited Mary also...**

Luke 1:26 Now in the sixth month the **angel Gabriel was sent by God** to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And **having come in**, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, **highly favored one**, the Lord is with you; **blessed are you among women!**" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His **name Jesus**. 32 He will be **great**, and will be called the **Son of the Highest**; and the Lord God will give Him the **throne of His father David**. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob **forever**, and of His kingdom **there will be no end.**"

- **Your Son will fulfill the promise to King David: Mary knew what meant. Messiah**

[Cont.] **34** Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and **the power of the Highest will overshadow you**; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the **Son of God**. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For **with God nothing will be impossible.**" 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! **Let it be to me according to your word.**" And the angel departed from her.

- Mary would have other children...

Matthew 13:55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us?

- **Faith of Joseph and Mary to live under the stigma of infidelity**

Sometimes God calls us to some really hard stuff. Period.
Result: His Glory and our Growth

- Angel walks into Mary's house and says you are going to have a Special Son...

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- **Jesus:** God and Man
 1. **Child is Born:** Humanity through Mary
 2. **Son is Given:** Deity through Holy Spirit; Mighty God, Everlasting Father
- **The Song of Mary: Desperately in need of the Savior in her womb...**

Luke 1:46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior."

SUMMARY Virgin Birth of the King and Savior

1. Lineage of the King: Long line of flawed people like us
2. Birth of the King: 100% man through virgin Mary/100% God through His Holy Spirit
3. **Name of the King...**

III. Name of the King

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and **took to him his wife,** ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. **And he called His name JESUS.**

Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him
God calls us to do some hard stuff. Some really hard stuff. **Stuff we can't do**

- **Faith without works is dead**
 1. Took Mary as His wife
 2. **Joseph called His name Jesus:** Salvation or YHWH is Salvation

Acts 4:12 ... there is **no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**"

- **Emmanuel:** Jesus is God with us v23

Q. Are all religions equally valid?

A. No. No religions are valid

...there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved

Q. What if I believe in God?

A. Demons believe in God and shiver

...there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved

Q. What if I don't accept Jesus as my personal Savior but am sincere in what I do believe?

A. Then you are sincerely wrong and don't have a Savior to save you from sin and hell

...there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Q. Why is there no other Name by which to be saved? **A.** Because...

**Jesus is the Eternal God come from heaven and manifested as a baby,
He is God who became man and died on a cross for our sins.**

- **How could there possibly be any other way?**

John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

- No one has ever been saved that has been saved in any other way than staking everything they have on the Sacrifice of Jesus.

Call His Name Jesus; i.e. Salvation. Call His name Immanuel; i.e. God with us

- **Name above all Names. Call His Name Jesus**

THE Name of Jesus, chosen by God for His Son, is also given to Him by all who truly know Him, and they give it to Him heartily, zealously, boldly. All of us call Him Jesus if we really know Him, and we are resolved to publish His Name abroad as long as we live. If He was Jesus in the cradle, what is He now that He is exalted in the highest heavens? As Emmanuel, God with us, His very Incarnation made Him Jesus, the Savior of men; but what shall we say of Him now that, in addition to His Incarnation, we have His Atonement; and beside His Atonement, His Resurrection; and beyond that, His Ascension; and, to crown all, His perpetual Intercession?

How grandly does the title of Savior befit Him now that He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them! If in the arms of His mother He was the Savior, what is He now that He sits upon the throne of God? If wrapped in swaddling bands He was Jesus, the Savior, what is He now that the heavens have received Him? If in the workshop of Nazareth, and sitting in the temple among the doctors, He was Jesus, the Savior, what is He now that His infancy and childhood are over, and He is exalted far above all principalities and powers? If He was Jesus when on the cross, presenting Himself as an offering for His people, what is He now that He has by one sacrifice perfected forever them that are set apart? What is He now that He sits at the right hand of God till His enemies be made His footstool?

Let all who trust in Him unite in calling our Lord by this tender human Name of Jesus. Did He not call all believers by the endearing titles of mother, and sister, and brother? Then we, too, will call Him Jesus. "**Jesus, Name all names** above, Jesus best and nearest; Jesus, fount of perfect love, Holiest, tenderest, dearest: Jesus, source of grace completed, Jesus holiest, sweetest; Jesus, Savior all Divine, Thine 's the Name, and only Thine. "

...there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Philippians 2:9 ...God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the **name which is above every name**, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that **every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Jesus born as a babe now at the right hand of the Father in Heaven

Holding all things including us together by His power...

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and **in Him all things consist.**

And Joseph called His name Jesus

SUMMARY Matthew

- Lineage of the King
- Birth of the King
- Name of the King