

Week Ten Family Discussion Questions (August 8-14)

This week we finally meet the Promised Messiah, Jesus Christ! Our Bible Reading for this week may be more familiar to you than previous studies (and it may put you in the Christmas Spirit ©). Most of all, in light of all we have seen from God's Word up to this point, may your gain an even greater appreciation for our only Lord and Savior.

1. An initial reading of Matthew chapter 1 may not seem like an exciting storyline. However, the birth of Jesus is actually the culmination of thousands of years of human history. How does Matthew 1:17-23 prove that Jesus is indeed the Christ?

2. In Luke 2, multitudes of heavenly angels praise God for sending Jesus, yet their primary audience is lowly shepherds. How does this scene demonstrate the truth that the Gospel is "good news of great joy that will be for all the people"?

3. Jesus came to save sinners, and the Bible makes clear that every human who has ever lived (other than Jesus) is a sinner (Rom 3:23). The book, *The Promise*, has also shown us that even some great heroes of the Bible are not able to save themselves or anyone else. Do you see your need for Jesus alone as your Lord and Savior? Do you have a friend or family member who might need to hear the story of Jesus as well?

4. At this point in our study, we haven't exactly identified how Jesus will save sinners. How do you think Jesus saves people from their sin? What are some clues from the Old Testament to support your answer?

This Week's Key Verse: Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."