

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### God Our Saviour

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Matthew 1:18-21 This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. **19** Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. **20** As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

**What does it mean that "Jesus saves"?**

**Because Jesus saves us from our failure to follow God, we are accepted.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

**Because Jesus saves us from our fatal flaws, our life is found through surrender.**

**Because Jesus saves other people, we can't.**

**Big Idea: Surrender your efforts to Jesus and allow Him to be Saviour.**



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- 3) Read Matthew 1:18-21. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in these passages for us and what does this tell us about experiencing life in Jesus? What are the implications for those who want to follow Jesus?
- 6) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What does it look like for you to surrender your efforts to Jesus as Saviour?
- 7) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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