

“THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS”

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Matthew 1:18-25 (NASB)

1. JESUS CAME TO SAVE US.

Matthew 1:18-25 (NASB) ¹⁸ Now the **birth of Jesus Christ** was as follows: when His mother Mary had been **betrothed** to Joseph, before they came together she was **found to be with child by the Holy Spirit**. ¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a **righteous man** and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an **angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream**, saying, "**Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife**; for the **Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit**." ²¹ "**She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus**, for **He will save His people from their sins**."

2. JESUS CAME TO STAY WITH US.

²² Now **all this took place to fulfill** what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "**BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL**," which translated means, "**GOD WITH US**." ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.