



LET'S GO DEEPER

SERMON NOTES The Gift of a Saviour – December 8 – Pastor Peter

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. 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. 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. And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’”

Acts 4:12 “There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

1. Jesus Saves

The angel tells Joseph to give the Baby the name Jesus. Because in that name is revealed the divine purpose for which Jesus’ came.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does the name Jesus mean?

2. Why do we need to be saved?

3. What is our true value?



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arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"

Our Saviour leaves Heaven to find the one that's lost.

The fall of humanity happens in Gen. 3.

Gen. 3:8,9 "When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?'"

Notice the very first words that God says to this couple trying to hide from Him.

He asks a question to make it crystal clear that, at the very inception of human sin, in spite of the offence, He will always seek to have relationship with the people He creates.

Our true value is found in the fact that Jesus loves you so much that He came to this earth and He gave His life for us so we could be found by Him.

3. Jesus Saves His People

1 Peter 2:9,10 "You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of

QUESTIONS:

1. How does Jesus involve the people around him to participate and witness the miracle on Lazarus?

2. How is the miracle of Lazarus a catalyst for people to believe in Jesus?

3. How does that apply today to us?



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Him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched Him and that she had been immediately healed. 'Daughter,' He said to her, 'your faith has made you well. Go in peace.'

Up until she meets Jesus, this woman's issue is her identity.

At the end of the story Jesus calls her, 'Daughter.' This is the only time in the NT where Jesus calls somebody 'daughter.' Her issue is no longer her identity - being part of Jesus' family is now her identity.

Rom. 8:15-17 "So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, 'Abba, Father.' For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory."

4. Jesus Saves His People From Their Sin

Sin can be defined as falling short of what God intends for us. Sin is rooted in selfishness.

QUESTIONS:

7. Why is the difference between both important?

8. What is sin?

10 Why do we need to be saved from it?
