

Sermon Notes

Date: December 22, 2019

Message: God with Us

Text: Matthew 1:18-25 (Page 1 in the NT section of the pew Bible)

The Context: (1:1, 16-17, 18a)

1The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

16Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. **17**So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. (see Galatians 4:4-5)

18Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:

Matthew 1:1 “The (biblos) book/record/account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:”

“genealogy” (γένεσις, *n* \{ghen'-es-is\} 1) source, origin 1a) a book of one's lineage, i.e. in which his ancestry or progeny are enumerated 2) used of birth, nativity 3) of that which follows origin, viz. existence, life 3a) the wheel of life (Jas 3:6), other explain it, the wheel of human origin which as soon as men are born begins to run, i.e. its course of life) <http://www.greekbible.com/index.php>

“The book/record/account of the genesis/beginning/source/origin of Jesus the Messiah/Christ”

1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:” (NASB)

The same word is used for “birth” in 1:18 (γένεσις, *n* \{ghen'-es-is\}) that we find in 1:1.

“Now the birth/genesis of Jesus Christ/Messiah was as follows:”

Clear connection to the book of Genesis.

The apostle John starts in a similar fashion by connecting the beginning of his Gospel to Genesis, “In the beginning...”

The origin/source/beginning of Jesus the Messiah

The Crisis: (1:18b-19)

Crisis - “an emotionally significant event or radical change of status in a person's life”

Mary

18 “...when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

Betrothal – “The custom of betrothal was different from “engagement” in modern society. Customarily the parents of a young man chose a young woman to be engaged to their son. A second stage of betrothal involved official arrangements and a prenuptial agreement before witnesses, which was a legally binding contract and could be broken only by a formal process of divorce.” (ESV Study Note)

“she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit” (Fuller details are found in **Luke 1:26-38, 56**)

Joseph

19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.

Dilemma:

A righteous man – he took the law of Moses seriously

(see Paul's description in Philippians 3:5-6)

Compassionate – “not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away/divorce her secretly.”

The Clarification: (1:20-23)

20But 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.”

“**Jesus**” (Hebrew equivalent Joshua – Yahweh is salvation or Yahweh saves)

“He will save His people from their sins.”

Psalm 130:5-8

Luke 2:10-11

1 Timothy 1:15-16

22Now 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.”

O.T. connection - Isaiah 7:14 – 9:6 – 11:1

“The Greek word *parthenos* (“virgin”) corresponds to the Hebrew term *‘almah*, which is used in the prophecy of Isa. 7:14 regarding the virgin birth of the coming Savior. The Hebrew word *‘almah* (“virgin” or “maiden”) generally denotes an unmarried woman who is a virgin (e.g., Gen. 24:43; Ex. 2:8; Ps. 68:25).” (ESV Study Note)

“The prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 (occasioned by threat of attack on Judah in the time of Isaiah), points to God’s enduring promise for the line of David. Matthew thus presents the virgin birth of Jesus as God’s miraculous fulfillment of this promise in the person of Jesus the Messiah.” (ESV Study Note)

“Immanuel, God with us” Title/Description

O.T. Tabernacle/Tent, Temple (2 Sam. 7:6-7)

Incarnation – Philippians 2:6-11; Hebrews 2:14-18

N.T. Jesus – John 1:1, 14

Matthew 28:20 “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Revelation 21:1-5

The Commitment: (1:24-25)

24And 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.

Joseph’s faith & obedience

“until” – Joseph and Mary had children together

Matthew 13:55-56; Mark 6:3; John 7:3-5

What must it had been like to be Jesus’ earthly father?