

Incarnate King – a faith that justifies and a child who saves

Matt 1:18-25

A true historic telling

Q: Found with child of the Holy Spirit – what does that mean?

God had created life from nothing previous. So, this is nothing new. He had created single cells before. This was a miracle for since that time He had not been bringing life from nothing. God's creative work

Q: Was Jesus truly related to Joseph? What did we learn last week?

No. He was not but in God's economy adoption is everything. Our hope is in adoption Rom 8:15-17

Q: When it says Joseph was a righteous or a just man, what does that mean? How significant is that? What about Rom 3:10-12?

Joseph was not truly just or righteous but he was a man of faith. He was justified or made just through his faith. This is God testifying that Joseph was a man of saving faith. Rom 3:21-26, Rom 4:3. As another example Job 1:8 (blameless means the same thing when we see that term). Jesus is our righteousness 2 Cor 5:21

Q: How often had angels appeared to men?

List them off? (27 times in the Old Testament but many of those were multiple times to the same person Daniel, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David, Samson). Not many.

Q: Significance of the name Jesus?

Yeshua – “Yahweh saves” – Joshua – many would have that name. Just like many things in scripture and through history, we may mirror and call things by a term but God has one true definition of that. In this case, men may use words but there was one person in all history who would truly embody the term and the name Yeshua and that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Q: What was Joseph thinking when the angel said “He will save His people from their sins?”

I'm not sure. Joseph was a pious man. He would have heard the law and the prophets read in the temple. The Jews however had not yet been given the Holy Spirit to indwell them and remained in the dark about exactly how the Messiah would come and what His purpose was. This was faith tested.

Q: Save them? Save them how? Save them from what? Save them from who?

God punishes sin – Rom 6:23, 2 Cor 5:21, Gal 3:13, Isa 53:4-6

Q: God has created the 1st Adam from the dust. Why not the 2nd? What is the point in the incarnation?

Prophecy, Humility, The fullness of life lived as we have lived it, tested in all ways like ourselves (Heb 4:15)

Joseph's faith tested – he passes. Word & Deed prove God's assessment of who He chose.