

INTRODUCTION

- * We begin a new series ... one of great impact ... in it we will focus on He who transformed our lives and changed the course of history!
- * The book of Matthew ... is a book about the Jewish Messiah ... written by a Jewish author to a Jewish audience.
- * We will be taking the better part of a year "Focusing on the Messiah in the book of Matthew"
- * Today, we consider one of the two greatest events of redemptive history - the Incarnation of the Messiah.

INSTRUCTION**I. HIS R_____ L_____ (v. 1-17)****a. The P_____ of the Women**

1. THEIR NAMES:
2. THEIR NOTORIETY:

b. The P_____ of His Ancestry**II. HIS D_____ C_____ (v. 16, 18, 23; 1 Cor 7:34; 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 14:4)****III. HIS A_____ P_____ (cf. 19-25)****A. The D_____ of Joseph (v. 19)****B. The D_____ to Joseph (v. 20-23)**

1. A CONSIDERATION OF JOSEPH'S DILEMMA (v. 20)
2. A COMMUNICATION OF MESSIANIC DELIVERANCE (cf. 20-23)
 - a. A Foretelling (v. 20-21)
 - i. HIS NAME:
 - ii. HIS PURPOSE:
 - b. A Fulfillment (v. 22-23; cf. Zechariah 2:6-11; 12:4, 8-10)
 - i. HIS NAME:
 - ii. HIS IDENTITY:

C. The D_____ of Joseph (v. 24-25)**INTROSPECTION**

- * HAVE YOU FOLLOWED GOD'S COMMANDS? HAVE YOU TRUSTED IN HIS DIVINE MESSAGE OF DELIVERANCE FROM YOUR SINS?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YHWH HIMSELF CAME TO THE EARTH IN THE PERSON OF JESUS?
- * ARE YOU TRUSTING IN GOD TO FULFILL HIS OTHER PROPHETIC PROMISES?
- * WHEN YOU ARE PRESSED TO MAKE A HARD DECISION ... TO WHERE, OR WHOM, DO YOU TURN? DO YOU TURN TO GOD AND HIS WORD?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

It may be helpful to re-read the passage before the discussion.

- * What affect will the David lineage claims of modern Jews have upon your faith? What affect do you believe they might have upon the future landscape of politics?
- * How do you respond to individuals who doubt the virgin birth or the Davidic right of Jesus?