

**Monday**  
**CHRISTmas: Celebrating Jesus' Birth**

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1. Read Genesis 3:15 – This verse is the first promise of a coming Messiah, the One Who would conquer the penalty of sin. To whom is God speaking in this verse?
2. What will eventually happen to him?
3. Read Matthew 1:1-17 – Now that you have stumbled through all those names are completely lost, take a moment to consider the importance of this account of Jesus' lineage. Matthew portrays Jesus as the Promised King. According to this passage, how is Jesus eligible to be king?
4. According to this passage, how is Jesus eligible to be called the Son of God?
5. All the people in this passage are obviously in the lineage of Christ. Some, however, seem to be unlikely members of the royal family. Verse 5 mentions Rachab or Rahab. Why is she so unlikely to be in the royal family?
6. Verse 5 also mentions Ruth. Why is she so unlikely to be part of the royal family? Read Ruth 1:1-4 if you need a little help.
7. If you are saved, you are also part of the royal family. Why are you so unlikely to be part of the royal family?

What's interesting about the people in this passage is that none of them deserved to be part of the royal family. They were part of it by God's grace. It is the undeserved coming of Jesus Christ that allows us to be part of the royal family.

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1. Read Isaiah 7:14 – This is a familiar verse to hear at Christmas time. What miracle is specifically tied to Jesus' conception and birth?
2. One of His names would be Immanuel. It means "God with us." What does that teach us about the Deity of Christ?
3. Read Matthew 1:18-25 – This is a much more familiar passage than the first half of the chapter. According to verse 18, what was Mary's physical condition before she was married?
4. How did that happen?
5. Why is the virgin birth absolutely essential for our faith?
6. Joseph thought of putting Mary away, but who convinced him otherwise?
7. According to verse 12, Joseph and Mary would be the parents of a son named Jesus. Why would He have that verse?
8. According to verse 22, why did all this happen?
9. What does this teach us about the reliability of Scripture?
10. What do verses 24-25 teach us about Joseph's character?

Christmas is all about having God with us!

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1. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 – Here is another very familiar prophecy concerning Christ's birth. He was given five names in these verses. Tell what each name tells us about Jesus and His character.  
  
Wonderful –  
Counsellor –  
Mighty God –  
Everlasting Father –  
Prince of Peace –
2. According to verse 7, what two things will never end?
3. Read Luke 1:26-33 – Who came to Mary to announce the birth of Jesus?
4. According to verse 30, what was Mary told not to do?
5. Why should she not do that?
6. According to verse 32, what will Jesus be called?
7. What will Jesus receive?
8. According to verse 33, once He takes the throne of David, how long will Jesus reign as King over Israel and really the whole world?

Jesus used a very special young woman to play a very important role in history. Could God use you to do something great?

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1. Read Micah 5:2 – What special little city was mentioned in this verse?
2. What special thing would happen there?
3. Even though Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, according to this verse, when did really have His beginning?
4. Read Luke 2:1-7 – What event mentioned in verse 1 got the whole world moving?
5. Where did Joseph and Mary need to go to get taxed?
6. How does that fulfill the prophecy of Micah 5:2?
7. According to verse 6, what happened to Mary while they were in Bethlehem?
8. Why was Jesus laid in a manger?
9. Hundreds of years earlier, Micah prophesied the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. It “just so happened” that Caesar Augustus decided to tax everyone and make them return to their home town. Without a doubt God had all this planned to get Mary and Joseph back to Bethlehem. What does this teach you about God's control of the events of your life?

God has everything in control. You don't have to worry!

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1. Read Isaiah 11:1-2 – A rod will come out of the stem of Jesse. Who is Jesse? Read I Samuel 16:11-13 if you need help.
2. Who is the Branch that will come out of Jesse?
3. Besides the spirit of the Lord, He will have the spirit of six other things on Him. What are they?
4. Read Luke 2:8-14 – The shepherds were out in the field in the middle of the night. Everything was dark and quiet, and suddenly the angel showed up to make an announcement. According to verse 10, what was the first thing the angel said to the shepherds?
5. How far was the good news supposed to go?
6. Verse 11 tells the good news. What is it?
7. The shepherds would find the baby in a manger. How does that location go along with the picture of John 1:29?
8. After the announcement a whole host of angels showed up with another message. What was it?

The good news of the Gospel was intended to go to all people. What are you doing to get it out?

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1. Read Genesis 12:1-3 – This passage is the first giving of the Abrahamic Covenant. According to verse 2, what will God do with Abraham?
2. According to verse 3, who else would be blessed by Abraham?
3. According to Matthew 1:1-17, how would all the earth be blessed by Abraham?
4. Read Luke 2:15-20 – After the angels left the shepherds, what did the shepherds plan to do next?
5. According to verse 16, did they waste any time getting to Jesus?
6. According to verse 17, what did they do after they saw Joseph, Mary, and Jesus?
7. According to verse 18, what was everyone's reaction?
8. According to verse 19, what did Mary do with the things that happen?
9. According to verse 20, what did the shepherds do as they returned to their field?

The shepherds were immediately obedient to the angels. They were immediately fervent about sharing the Gospel. They immediately praised God. Follow their example!

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1. Read Luke 2:25-35 – How was Simeon described in verse 25?
2. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel. What was that?
3. According to verse 26, what would not happen to him before he saw Christ?
4. Simeon came into the temple the same time Joseph and Mary entered with Jesus. He picked up Jesus in his arms and blessed God. According to verse 30-31, to how many people was God's salvation prepared?
5. According to verse 32, what would Jesus do?
6. Joseph and Mary marveled at the things that Simeon said. He explained a little in verse 34. Jesus was set for what?
7. He also would be spoken against. How was that fulfilled in John 1:11?
8. What does it mean that a sword would pierce through the hearts of Joseph and Mary?
9. How would the thoughts of many hearts be revealed by the life of Jesus?

CHRSTmas isn't about presents, cookies, and Santa Claus. It's all about the birth of Jesus Christ, the One Who would change the world forever. Remember that this year...and always!