



Matthew 1:1-25

WHO IS THIS CHILD?

The message of Christmas is not that we can make peace. Or that we can make love, make light, make gifts, or make this world save itself. The message of Christmas is that this world's a mess and we can never save ourselves from ourselves and we need a Messiah. Unto us a Child is born!

...God favors the darkest places so you can see His light the brightest.

—Ann Voskamp

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Jesus	King	Servant	Son of Man	Son of God
Genealogy	Son of David	None	Son of Adam	Eternal
Audience	Jews	Romans	Greeks	Universal

THIS CHILD IS THE SON OF DAVID

- He is the _____ (“the anointed one”).

Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,
“Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.”
He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The Lord shall hold them in derision.
Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure:
“Yet I have set My King
On My holy hill of Zion.” (Psalm 2:1-6)

- He is the fulfillment of the _____ Covenant (2 Sam. 7:4-17; Ps. 89:24-37; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:31-33).

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with justice and righteousness
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

- He is our _____ in an angry, broken world.

I am a historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very center of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history.

—H.G. Wells (1866-1946)

The covenant God made with David as recorded in 2 Samuel 7 had far-reaching consequences in the Old Testament. ...It was the basis of the messianic hope.

—Cleon L. Rogers, Jr.

There will be no one to sit on the throne of David until the Messiah of righteousness, the Branch of David, comes. ...To Him and His seed the covenant of the kingdom has been given.

—Qumran Fragment (1st cent BC)

Jesus Christ is the center of everything, and the object of everything, and he that does not know him knows nothing of nature, and nothing of himself.

—Blaise Pascal (1623-62)

Tomorrow's history has already been written...at the name of Jesus every knee must bow.

—Paul. E. Kauffman

THIS CHILD IS THE SON OF ABRAHAM

- He is the fulfillment of the _____ Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 22:15-18; Galatians 3:16).

Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." (Gen. 22:15-18)

- He is our _____ in a cursed, darkened world.

THIS CHILD IS JESUS, "YAHWEH SAVES"



- He is our _____ in a sinful, death-filled world.

THIS CHILD IS IMMANUEL, "GOD WITH US"

- He is the _____ of all that was lost in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:8; John 1:14; Rev. 21:1-5).
- He is the _____ of the woman who will crush the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Gal. 4:4-5).
- He is our _____ in a lonely, painful world.

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5b-6)

In the genealogy of our blessed Lord we find the names of certain of the chief of sinners. Three women especially hold a position in it, who were each notorious for sin. Not many women are mentioned, but among the first is Tamar, guilty of incest. The next is Rahab the harlot, and a third is Bathsheba the adulteress. This is a crooked pedigree, an ancestral tree whose branches are more than a little gnarled and twisted. Admire the condescension of our Lord in coming of such a stock. He came of sinners, because he came for sinners.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

In Jeremiah 22:30, God declared a curse on Jeconiah/Jehoiachin that none of his descendants would sit on the throne of David. This curse would seem to end the Davidic line of kings and God's promise to David. However, by nature of the virgin birth, Jesus came as the legal heir of Joseph but the biological heir of Mary (Luke 3:23-38).

All my hope lies in this: that Jesus Christ came to save sinners. I am a sinner, I trust Him, He came to save me, and I am saved.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

—Augustine (354-430)

If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: "God with us."

—John MacArthur, Jr.

The best of all is "God with us."

—John Wesley (1703-91)

Repeated twice on his deathbed