

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

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MORNING MESSAGE

“The Arrival of the King”

Matthew 1:22-25

- I. THE PREPARATION FOR HIS ARRIVAL (vv.22-23)
 - A. Gabriel announced the arrival of the King while Joseph and Mary were in Nazareth
 1. Luke 1:26, “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth”
 - B. Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem
 1. Micah 5:2, “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler of Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting”
 - C. Matthew does not tell us how they got there, but he does tell us where Jesus was born
 1. Matthew 2:1, “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea...”
 - D. Luke fills in the missing pieces
 1. Luke 2:4, “And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem”
- II. THE PROBLEM WITH HIS ARRIVAL (Luke 2:7)
 - A. When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, they could not find a place to stay
 1. Luke 2:7, “And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn”
- III. THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS ARRIVAL (vv.24-25)
 - A. It was the responsibility of the father to name a child
 1. The angel told Zecharias, “and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John” (Luke 1:13)
 2. The angel told Joseph, “and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus (Matthew 1:21)
 - a. Jesus is a form of the Hebrew name Joshua that means “Jehovah is salvation” or “Jehovah will save”