

Message: The Christmas Pursuit
Scripture: Matthew 1:1-25 (NASB)
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The Genealogy Of Jesus vs. 1-17

The Conception Of Jesus vs. 18-21

The Prophecy And Birth Of Jesus vs. 22-25

1. Jesus Is Real

Tim Keller, Hidden Christmas

The gospel, because it is a true story, means all the best stories (legends & tales) will be proved, in the ultimate sense, to be true.

- 1) There is hope for the hopeless.
- 2) There is rest in Jesus alone.

2. Jesus Is Supernatural

Matthew 1:18-22

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly.

²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, " Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

²¹ "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

²² Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

3. Jesus Is "With Us"

Matthew 1:22-25

²² Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

²⁴ And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife,

²⁵ and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Randy's Questions For The Kids:

1. The title "The Christmas Pursuit" and Christmas Story = public invitation to pursue someone. Who is it?
2. The genealogy of Jesus tells us the first of 3 things about Jesus. What is it?
3. The genealogy of Jesus tells us that there is hope for the hopeless. The reason is because of the kind of people included in it. What kind of people are included?
4. The genealogy of Jesus tells us there are 3 sets of 14 generations between Abraham and Jesus (which is 6 sets of 7's). Jesus starts the 7th 7. In the Bible what does the 7th represent?
5. The conception of Jesus tells us the 2nd of 3 things about Jesus. What is it?
6. What does the name "Jesus" mean?
7. The prophecy and birth of Jesus tells us the 3rd of 3 things about Jesus. What is it?