

Merry Christmas



The Promised Savior

Matthew 1:1

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Matthew 1:1 tells how God sent the promised Savior, whom He anointed and empowered to be the mighty servant King, and to be a blessing to all the nations of the earth by making a way for sinful man to have fellowship with God.

1. Jesus – Savior
2. Christ – Anointed One / Messiah
3. Son of David – Mighty servant King

4. Son of Abraham – Blessing to all nations

Questions to Consider

1. Matthew 1:23 tells us that Jesus was called *Immanuel*, which means “God with us.” In what way was God with man at the start of creation, and how did man destroy the communion he had with God? By coming to be “with us,” how did Jesus make the way to restore that fellowship?
2. Read Psalm 84 as a prayer and spend some time meditating on it, and asking God to help you long for fellowship with Him as this psalm describes.
3. What is the common name used for our Savior throughout the gospel? Starting with Acts, by what name is He often identified?
4. If Jesus is a name and Christ is more of a title, what do the two words mean? And how do both reflect the fulfillment of God's plan to redeem a people for Himself?
5. Read Romans 8:1-4. What is it that man in his flesh and God's law are both unable to do? How did God accomplish what the flesh and the law could not?
6. Read these verses and the immediate context around each: Matthew 9:27, 12:23, 15:22, and 20:30-31. What characteristic of Jesus seems to be often associated with the name “Son of David”? Why? In what way(s) did King David show the heart of a servant? In what way(s) can you be a merciful servant to an unbeliever in your life?
7. Why does the fact that Jesus is the Son of Abraham matter to you? How does that name apply to your own ministry of telling others about Jesus Christ?
8. How do each of the four descriptions in Matthew 1:1 motivate your worship?