

Our God is With Us!
What Is This Child's Name?
Matthew 1:18-25

To name this child correctly:

First, grapple with the _____ of the virgin Mary's pregnancy. Vs. 18, 19
This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph but before they came together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Second, understand why the virgin birth was _____. Vs. 20-22
But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, *"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

_____ expects it.

Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile in Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Christ. **Matthew 1:17**

- **Abraham** The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: *"All nations will be blessed through you."* **Galatians 3:8; Genesis 12:3**
- **David** When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. **2 Samuel 7:12; Acts 2:25-32**
- **Joseph** *Son of David*

_____ must do it.

- Consider Jesus' parable of the tenants who beat, mistreated, and sent away empty-handed the servants the vineyard owner sent. *"Then the vineyard owner said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'" Matthew 20:9-17*
- The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, and he was appalled that there was no one to intercede; so his own arm worked salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. Isaiah 59:16

Our _____ depends on it.

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- “*Jesus*” is the Greek name for the Hebrew name “Joshua” which means “*Jehovah is _____.*”
- *because he will save*
“*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*” **Acts 4:12**

- *from their sins*
For all have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory. **Romans 3:23**

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **Psalm 130:3**

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

Isaiah 59:1-2

- The wages of sin is death. **Romans 6:23**
- He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was laid upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. **Isaiah 53:5**

Third, what will you _____ this child? Vs. 22-25

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “*The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel*”-- which means, “*God with us.*” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Isaiah 7:14

Next Sunday: “*Taste and see that the LORD is good.*” **Psalm 34**