

JESUS CHRIST THE FIRSTBORN MATTHEW 1:18-25

Introduction:

The true meaning of Christmas is the Birth of the Savior. Therefore, Christmas is great and wonderful (Matt 1:21). Therefore, we are to magnify the Lord – declare the greatness of Jesus.

- I. Jesus Is Mary's Firstborn Son (Matt 1:25)**
 - A. The Genealogy of Jesus** (vv. 2-17)
 - B.** Mary was engaged to Joseph when “she was found with child of the Holy Ghost” (v. 18, 21).
 - C.** Purpose of Christ's Birth – “He shall save His people from their sins” (v. 21).
 - D.** Mary was a virgin with child ... (v. 23).
 - E.** Joseph knew her not till after she gave birth to her firstborn son – Jesus Christ (v. 25a).
 - F.** Jesus is Mary's Firstborn child – Firstborn Son (v. 25b).
 - G.** The obedience of Joseph (vv. 20, 24, 25)

- II. Jesus Is God's Firstborn (Heb 1:6; Ps 89:27)**
 - A. Christ is the only Begotten Son of God**
 - B.** God has given Christ all of creation as a gift because all was created for Him (Col 1:16; John 3:35).
 - C. As Believers, we are co-heirs with Christ** (Rom 8:17)
 - D. Christ as God's Firstborn also speaks of Christ's rank and dignity. Jesus is:**
 - E. Christ is the only begotten Son of 'God sent into the world** (John 1:14)
 - F.** Christ is the only begotten Son of God who was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead.
 - G. Christ has a Father-Son relationship with God the Father** (v. 5)
 - H.** Christ alone is the only begotten Son of God sent alone into the world to establish a relationship between God and man.

- III. Jesus Is The Firstborn Of All Creation (Col 1:15)**
 - A.** Christ existed before all creation as the Supreme Being of the Universe.
 - B.** Christ is Eternal – He has always existed.
 - C.** Christ is the Creator and Ruler of this Universe. He is not a created Being.
 - D.** God is Christ – Christ is God

- IV. Jesus Is The Firstborn From The Dead (Col 1:18; Rev 1:5)**
 - A. Christ is the Head of the Church** (v. 18a)
 - B. Christ is the Beginning of the Church** (v. 18b)
 - C. Jesus as “the firstborn from the dead” means that Christ is the first person to arise from the dead. Never to die again.**

- V. Jesus Is The Firstborn Among Many Brethren (Rom 8:29)**
 - A.** God knew those who would repent and believe in Christ before He created the world. God decided that Believers would be like His Son, so that He would be the first among many brethren (Christians).
 - B. Salvation is available to all. God is not willing that any should perish.**

Conclusion:

A. Before I love Him, He love me. Before I found Him, He found me.
Before I found Him, He found me. Yes, Jesus cares for me.

B. The ABC's Of Salvation

- **A**dmit That You Are A Sinner. *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Rom 3:23)

- **B**elieve On Christ. *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved”* (Acts 16:31).

- **C**onfess Your Faith. *“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation”* (Rom 10:9-10).

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).