

# Yahweh Saves

Matthew 1:18-25

1. **Jesus Christ – fully \_\_\_\_\_, fully \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matthew 1:18 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.*

2. **Joseph - A \_\_\_\_\_ man in a \_\_\_\_\_ situation.**

*19Because 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.*

- *Deuteronomy 22:23 If a man happens to meet in a town a virgin pledged to be married and he sleeps with her, 24 you shall take both of them to the gate of that town and stone them to death.*

3. **A \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ message:**

*20But 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. 21She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”*

**God sent Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ from your sins**

4. **Costly \_\_\_\_\_.**

*24When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

- **Doing God's will is \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.**
- *Romans 8:10–11 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*
- **God can \_\_\_\_\_ you.**
- *Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

## Questions to ponder:

- **What is one area in your life, where God wants you to trust Him?**
- **What could God do with your life through your simple trust and obedience?**

## Next Steps for Growth:

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be contacted by a pastor.

I want to be baptized.

I want to become a member.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Change my contact info

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  1<sup>st</sup> time guest  2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  Regular Attendee  Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

# The Gospel of Matthew

**Author:** Matthew, one of Jesus disciples, also called Levi, a former tax collector.

**Matthew 9:9** *As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.*

Matthew never names himself as the author of this gospel, but traditionally this gospel has been understood to have been written by Matthew the disciple. Many of the early church fathers cited this gospel as the writing of Matthew.

**Date:** Around AD 50.

**Purpose of writing:** Matthew recorded selected events from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in order to confirm to a Jewish audience that Jesus was indeed the promised Messianic King. Jesus came to reveal God's kingdom, to provide access to it and show how it fits into the present age in light of Israel's rejection of her King.

The gospel of Matthew also serves as a transition between the Old and New Testaments, helping us understand how Jesus fulfills the prophetic promises of the Old Testament, and how Jesus is the hope of prophetic promises that have yet to be fulfilled.

**A suggested outline of Matthew** – Adapted from Dr. Mark Bailey

- I. Person of the King (Matt. 1-4) - Early Life and Ministry
- II. Platform of the King (Matt. 5-7) – The Sermon on the Mount
- III. Power of the King (Matt. 8-10) – Miracles and Mission
- IV. Parables of the King (Matt. 11-13:52) - Rejection and Revelation
- V. Progressive Rejection of the King (Matt. 13:53-18) - Miracles and Responses
- VI. Presentation of the King (Matt. 19-25) - Entry and Controversy
- VII. Passion of the King (Matt. 26-28) - Death and Resurrection

Prayer Requests/Praise Items:  Put this on the prayer chain.