

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



For unto us a Child is born,


Unto us a Son is given;

Isaiah 9:6a NKJV



I. The story of the birth of Jesus.





¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 ESV





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Engagement → Betrothal → Marriage



19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:19 ESV



20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son,

Matthew 1:20-25 ESV



and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.”

Matthew 1:20-25 ESV



(which means, God with us).²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:20-25 ESV



**II. The birth of Jesus the hope
that God can bring us from
shame to salvation to
closeness with our Savior.**



Shame



Shame

Mary's situation was the most distressing and humiliating that can be conceived. Her reputation, her honor, and her life were at stake.






25 Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:25 NLT





So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness.

Genesis 3:6b-11 NLT



8 When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Genesis 3:6b-11 NLT



10 He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."


11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the Lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?"

Genesis 3:6b-11 NLT



Salvation





¹ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.




Romans 8:1-2 NLT




²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Galatians 3:26-27 NLT





21 “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”



Matthew 1:21 ESV



The name Jesus means
“The Salvation of Yahweh.”



Closeness with our Savior.



22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.”

(which means, God with us).

Matthew 1:22-23 ESV






¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

John 1:14 NLT




**III. What can we remember from
the birth of Jesus today?**








21 “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”



Matthew 1:21 ESV



Reminds us that Jesus meets
us in our sin, but His purpose is
to save us from our sins.





Jesus saves us:



Jesus saves us:

- from the penalty of sin.



Jesus saves us:

- from the penalty of sin.
- from the power of sin.



Jesus saves us:

- from the penalty of sin.
- from the power of sin.
- from the presence of sin.




Reminds us that this gift is for all of us!



Wonderfully, it says “His people.” If it had said, “God’s people,” we might have thought it was reserved for the Jewish people alone. But it isn’t belonging to Abraham that brings salvation from sin; it is belonging to Jesus, being one of His people.





¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



Luke 2:10-11 ESV