

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

We Do

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about…

Matthew 1:18

***Christ* (Greek) = *Messiah* (Hebrew)**

***Jesus* (Latin) = *I'esus* (Greek) = *Yeshua* (Hebrew) = *Joshua* (English)**

His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:19

…after he 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…"

Matthew 1:20

"…because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:20

"She will give to birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because…"

Matthew 1:21

"…because he will save his people…"

Matthew 1:21

"…from their…"

Matthew 1:21

"…he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Matthew 1:24

“You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

We read: *“You are to give him the name Jesus, because He will [forgive] his people of their sins.”*

KEY MISTAKE:
We reduce Christmas to forgiveness.

KEY POINT:
Jesus came to save us, to deliver us, not just from the penalty of sin,
but from the power of sin.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 10:10

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 6:12

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life… For sin shall no longer be your master.

Romans 6:13-14

For the wages of sin is death…

Romans 6:23

KEY POINT:
Sin kills things.

KEY POINT:
Even forgiven sin kills things.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life…

Romans 6:23

The gift of Christmas is not just forgiveness for, but freedom from, the power of sin.

“You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21