

Matthew



Matthew 1:18-25

The Birth of Jesus Christ

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

(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.

BACKGROUND

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Generally understood to be between 40-50 AD

THEME

That Jesus is the promised Jewish Messiah.

KEY VERSES

Introduction - Hail the incarnate Deity

Matthew 1:1

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

1 John 1:1-3

1 That which was from the beginning, **which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched**—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; **we have seen it and testify to it**, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 **We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard**, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Christmas is history

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Jesus is God

Matthew 1:20-21

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Jesus is with us - Immanuel**Luke 2:4-8**

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 **And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.**

Scripture Reference**John 6:16-21****Jesus Walks on Water**

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17 got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19 When they had rowed **about three or four miles**, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

1 Corinthians 15:3-7

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, **he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living**, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.