

**“Who is Jesus?” 3: He is God Himself**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**  
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***Celebrate and obey the God who has come for us!***

**Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**I. Celebrate and adore Jesus our God**

**A. Three reasons**

**1. Jesus came to save us (v.21)**

**Psalm 130:7-8 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. <sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”

**2. Jesus is God with us (v.23)**

- Sin separated us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- God is now near to us (Matthew 28:18-20)

**Revelation 21:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

**3. Jesus relates to us**

**Hebrews 2:16-18 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**II. Trust and obey Jesus our God**

**A. Mary and Joseph are in a tough situation (vv.18-19)**

1. A miraculous intervention (vv.20-21)
2. A costly obedience (vv.24-25)

***Life Application:***

- Repent for your disobedience and sin
- Ask Jesus for help to obey
- Set aside time to celebrate Jesus this Christmas season