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Matthew 1:18-25

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Why Christ Came Down

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Hebrews 7:25 -

“He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him”

I. Saving Miracle

Isa. 7:14 -

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and
she will call His name Immanuel.

I. Saving Miracle

Luke 1:31-37 -

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus"...Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God...For nothing will be impossible with God."

I. Saving Miracle

The Christian story is precisely the story of one grand miracle, the Christian assertion being that what is beyond all space and time, what is uncreated, eternal, came into nature, into human nature, descended into His own universe, and rose again, bringing nature up with Him. It is precisely one great miracle. If you take that away there is nothing specifically Christian left.”

~C.S. Lewis, “The Grand Miracle”

II. Saving Birth

Phil. 2:6-8 -

Although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

II. Saving Birth

“Jesus knows how you feel. You’re under the gun at work? Jesus knows how you feel. You’ve got more to do than humanly possible? So did he. You’ve got children who make a ‘piranha hour’ out of your dinner hour? Jesus knows what that’s like. People take more from you than they give? Jesus understands. Your teenagers won’t listen? Your students won’t try? Your employees give you blank stares when you assign tasks? Believe me, Jesus knows how you feel.”

~**Max Lucado**

III. Saving Name

Zech. 6:9-13 -

And the word of the LORD came to me: Make a crown, and set it on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest. And say to him, “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD. It is he who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.’”

III. Saving Name

Hebrews 8:1 -

We have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven.

IV. Saving Work

“Man’s maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at his mother’s breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Way be tired on His journey; that Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.”

~Augustine

IV. Saving Work

Heb. 2:14-17 -

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who has the power of death- that is, the devil- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death...He had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

IV. Saving Work

Luke 2:7 -

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger.

Luke 23:53 -

Then he took (Jesus' body) down and wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a tomb cut in stone.

IV. Saving Work

“The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God....The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity- hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory- because at the Father’s will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later he might hang on a cross. It is the most wonderful message the world has ever heard, or will hear.

~C.S. Lewis