

GOD'S CHRISTMAS MESSIAH!

Matthew 1:16-2:6

INTRODUCTION: Quite honestly we don't hear the word Messiah very much today because we have been programmed to think we don't need a Messiah. Today to admit the need of a "Messiah" is to admit a weakness and that is something we don't like to admit. In both the Old and New Testaments the term Messiah was used often because those people knew they needed one! Matthew 1:16-17. Jesus Christ is the Messiah, He is the Anointed One. Jesus Christ is the One and only one to be the Savior of mankind: Acts 4:8-12.

I. THE ANTICIPATION OF THE COMING MESSIAH!

Throughout history men and women of godly faith were looking for the coming of the Messiah. From the Garden of Eden on the Scriptures had promised a Messiah: Genesis 3:14-15. Seven hundred years before the birth of the coming Messiah, Isaiah the prophet said: Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7. The message of Isaiah somehow got twisted in the Jewish mind because the Messiah they got was not the Messiah they were looking for. This is also true today. Many are looking for Jesus to do things the Bible never said He would do. Many believers today believe that Jesus has come to take part in their lives. What they fail to realize is that Jesus has come to take over our lives! Acts 1:1-11.

II. THE ARRIVAL OF GOD'S MESSIAH!

Our Messiah was born at the right time, in the right place and to the right people: Matthew 1:16-17. It became very obvious in Luke 2:13-20 that God was orchestrating the entire event of the Messiah because the angels of the Lord announced His birth. The apostle John wrote about the Messiah this way: John 1:1-5; 14. In the book of Genesis and until the coming of the Messiah God had left sinful man but now He was back! When mankind chooses sin, God chooses separation. When, as children of God we cannot sense the presence of God we need to check out our sin.

III. GOD'S ASSIGNMENT FOR HIS MESSIAH!

Matthew 1:18-21. Jesus primary assignment was to save His people from their sin! The Bible makes it very clear that until our sin is dealt with by ourselves and our God, there is no hope of our salvation from hell. Our own sin is our root problem and only God can deal with our sin! Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23. The death of the Messiah put God's will into effect! Hebrews 9:16-28.

IV. OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD'S MESSIAH!

So often today Christian's attitudes toward God's Messiah vacillate between unmoved and unconcerned. When someone or something is important to us we talk about it and think about it! Anyone who does not trust in God's Messiah will not have eternal life! We must come to the point where we decide we are "all in for God's Messiah!" Are you all in for God's Messiah? Romans 10:9-10, 13. Have you called on the Name of the Lord?

