



Christmas at Calvary 2024
A Journey to Grace

Grace Wins Every Time!

Date: December 22nd, 2024

Text: Matthew 1:16-25

Passage Summary: As we survey the genealogy that leads to the birth of Christ, God made one thing abundantly clear; it would be a journey wholly and completely characterized by grace!

180 Degree Truth #1: See how Matthew incorporates the genealogy of Christ to show his Jewish audience that Jesus truly does have the necessary genealogical credentials to be the Messiah! (1:16-25)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the genealogy of Christ, He arrives through a line of unique UNdividuals: Unlikely, unqualified, unexpected, and altogether unworthy...

- But _____ every time! (v.16-25)

See how God brings comfort and joy through the theology of the Incarnation!

Jesus came _____, that is, He was _____
 from the Holy Spirit! (v.20)

“But after he had 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, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.’”

Matthew 1:20

Jesus came _____, that is, He came to _____
 us from our sin! (v.21)

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21

Jesus came _____, that is, His birth was _____
 centuries beforehand! (v.22-23)

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel—which means, ‘God with us.’”

Matthew 1:22-23

Portraits of Grace: Joseph

Grace evidenced through strengths: Demonstrated tremendous commitment to God in a _____ of faith; although he stumbled initially, once restored, he never looked back, but rather resolved to live his life by the Book to the glory of God. As a result, in part to his faithfulness, a weary world now has a reason to _____.

“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

Grace evidenced through weaknesses: Allowed the _____ of his faith and understanding to lead him to the threshold of walking away from the greater purposes God had for his life; but God would not allow him to _____ in those limitations, but met him to bring needed comfort and joy through the theology of the incarnation.

“Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”

Matthew 1:19

Remember: When it comes to the genealogy of Christ, being _____ is not in any way a _____; for the line that leads to Christ is replete with flawed individuals whose lives serve as the timeless reminder that grace wins every time!

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that while you may not be in the genealogical line that leads to Christ, that you stand in a long line of faith filled followers whom God is using to prepare the way for the return of Christ; and if at points along the way you wonder if _____ or the _____ of God are going to make it, remember the story of Joseph, and think again!