

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

The first chapter of Matthew begins with a genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ followed immediately by an account of his birth. With the exception of that genealogy, the first words of the entire New Testament are these:

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:18

There is a question to ask: Who is Jesus Christ? Where are we to go for an answer to this question?

THE ANGEL GABRIEL

*Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus**. He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. The Lord God will **give him the throne of his father David**, and he will **reign over the house of Jacob forever**; his **kingdom will never end**.'* Luke 1.29-33

Isaiah 7.14; 2 Samuel 7.14; Isaiah 9.1-7

Matthew 16.16-17; 1 John 4.2-3, 15-16

JOSEPH'S ANGEL

*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. 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 1.20-21

*But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you.
What I have vowed I will make good. **Salvation comes from the LORD**.* Jonah 2.9

*Declare what is to be, present it – let them take counsel together.
Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past?
Was it not I, the LORD? And **there is no God apart from me,
a righteous God and a Savior**; there is none but me.
Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth;
for I am God, and there is no other.*

By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked:

**Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.
They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.'** Isaiah 45.21-24

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; Isaiah 7.14

THE SHEPHERDS' ANGEL

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is **Christ the Lord**. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'* Luke 2.8-12

GOD THE FATHER

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' Matthew 3.16-17

Only one thing remains!!!!

*When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, '**Surely he was the Son of God!**'* Matthew 27.54

*Thomas said to him, '**My Lord and my God!**'* John 20.26-31

*'Who are you, **Lord?**' Saul asked.*

*'**I am Jesus**, whom you are persecuting,' he replied.* Acts 9.5