



**MATTHEW: THE KING
AND HIS KINGDOM**

The Birth of the King

Matthew 1:18-25



Additional Scripture References

- Isaiah 7:10-14
- 1 Corinthians 1:21



The Character of Joseph



God chose a man from David's line who was merciful to his perceived adulterous wife to usher in a King from David's line who would redeem a truly adulterous people.



1. Unjust, frustrating, and unwanted circumstances in our lives do not produce our character they reveal our character.



*Jesus produces steadfastness in us,
not by escaping hardships, or
ignoring hardships, or solving
hardships, but by trusting in him
during hardships.*



2. God often begins his greatest work in situations that seem hopeless and irredeemable.



God Will Save Sinners



*God's vision to Joseph assures us
that Jesus is from the line of David,
but not the flesh of David.*



“When we recast sin as primarily a matter of feeling far from God rather than being in an objective state of rebellion against him, the solution gets altered. We no longer need a physician who prescribes a cure for a dying patient; we go looking for a therapist who



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helps us understand our feelings.”



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“We have avoided the hard truths of sin because we don’t want to sound “harsh,” “judgmental,” or “unloving.” The language of sin, guilt, repentance, and judgment feels uncomfortable or offensive in a society increasingly focused on tolerance and safe



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spaces. The response is to downplay sin, ignore the active obedience of Christ, while adopting therapeutic language to connect with people. Compassion is essential to ministry but the danger is that sin becomes rebranded as a wound to be soothed rather



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than a revolt against what God forbids.”



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God Is With Those He Saves



“For if a king constructed a house or a city, and it is attacked by bandits because of the carelessness of its inhabitants, he in no way abandons it, but avenges and saves it as his own work, having regard not for the carelessness of the inhabitants but for his



Athanasius, “On the Incarnation”

own honor.”

“Moreover, a king, being human, does not permit the lands established under him to pass to and serve others, nor does he abandon them to others, but he reminds them with letters, and often enjoins them by



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friends, and, if need be, comes himself, shaming them by his own presence, only so that they will not serve others and his work be in vain. How much more will God allow his own creatures to not be led astray from him and serve things that do not exist?”



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“For as a good teacher who cares for his students always condescends to teach by simpler means those who are not able to benefit from more advanced things, so also does the Word of God, just as Paul says,



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“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.”



1 Corinthians 1:21