

“Jesus Is...The God-Man”

New Day Church

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Matthew 1:18-25

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

Over the past few weeks we have learned that Jesus Is the Promised Offspring that will crush Satan’s head and bless the whole world. He is the Promised King Whose reign has begun and He demands our allegiance. He is the Promised Messiah Who rules with authority as King, represents God to us as Prophet, and represents us to God as Priest. He is the Promised Savior Who will save you from the bondage and consequences of sin. Finally, no other person, population, or power is the Center of History. Jesus is the One toward Whom all of history before and after Him points.

This week we learned another foundational truth of Christianity. We learned about the Hypostatic Union. This theological term represents the truth that Jesus is fully God and fully Man. He’s not part God and part Man. Rather, this Jesus, Who was born of a woman by the Holy Spirit was fully God and fully Man. As God He alone was begotten by the Holy Spirit and is God’s own Son, the Christ, the Covenant Lord. He alone can atone for the sins of people. He intercedes for us before the throne of God and promises He will be with His children forever. As God He adopts us into His family as His children with all the rights and privileges to the throne of God.

But this Jesus is also fully Man. He is God’s perfect Man who became flesh and dwelt among His people. He took on flesh and lived a perfect life before God the Father. He endured the same sorrows, trials, and temptations as all of humanity but overcame all and became our only sufficient sacrifice for sin. And because of all this, Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords and only One worthy of your worship and praise!

As you prepare to meet with your Missional Community this week think through this important doctrine and dwell on its implications. How do you worship Him as a dearly loved son or daughter? Does your knowledge of this Jesus cause you to serve Him sacrificially? Do you sense His presence? Do you look forward toward the inheritance He has stored up for you? Your answers to all of these questions will drive how you live out the mission each day of your life. Remember, it was this Jesus, the God-Man, who called 12 men to “*Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!*” Are you following Him today?

Message Outline

We see Jesus’ Humanity and Deity in His:

1. Conception (18-19).
As a Human He was born of a woman.
As God He was begotten by the Holy Spirit.
2. Purpose (20-21).
As a Human He is our only sufficient substitutionary sacrifice.
As God He alone is able to pay the eternal penalty for sins.
3. Presence (22-23).
As a Human He sympathizes with our weakness. (Hebrews 4:15)
As God...
 - He alone intercedes for us before the throne of God. (Hebrews 4:16)
 - He promises His presence always. (Matthew 28:20; John 14:1-6)
4. Adoption (24-25).
As a Human He was adopted into Royalty.
As God He adopts us into Royalty.

We owe Him worship because:

1. We are now dearly loved sons & daughters.
2. We are servants who sacrifice for the King.
3. We are promised He will never leave us.
4. We have an eternal inheritance.

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Matthew 1:18-25:

1. What does this passage say about God’s character?
2. What is God doing here? How does this passage fit in the overall narrative of the Bible?
3. What is God saying about me?
4. Where am I not living by faith? How do I return to faith?
5. How should I practice this in everyday life?

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**

- Pray that God would give us new believers and covenant members.
- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to establish their goals and objects and begin to live them out.
- Pray for the 2016 Financial Ministry Plan as we seek to be a church of disciples who make disciples of all the nations.

- **Local:**

- Pray for the Friday Night Beach Bonfire Outreach and the developing friendships. Pray these will lead toward Gospel conversations.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.

- **Global:**

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.