

**Message from God's Life-Giving Word**

December 25, 2018

**Jesus is the Son of Sinners**

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,  
for **He will save His people from their sins.***

Matthew 1:21

**Merry Christmas!**

**May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph,  
the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child this Christmas.**

Notes on Matthew 1 – the genealogy of Jesus – A Christmas Pageant Script:

*But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are. 1 Corinthians 1:27-28*

The Gospel is hidden in plain sight in the genealogy!

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Matthew 21:42*