

**Advent 2022**

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***Week Four: Love***

***Matthew 1***

**He Enters Our Mess**

**God's Motivation:**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his  
one and only Son...*

**Our Familiarity With This Story Often  
Sanitizes It**

**In the Mess, We Reflect on Love  
The Love of God  
God with Us**



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## *Matthew 1:1,16-25 NKJV*

**The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
the Son of David, the Son of Abraham ....**

**And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of  
Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called  
Christ. So all the generations from Abraham  
to David are fourteen generations, from  
David until the captivity in Babylon are  
fourteen generations, and from the captivity  
in Babylon until the Christ are  
fourteen generations.**



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## *Matthew 1:1,16-25 NKJV*

**Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:**

**After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.**



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## *Matthew 1:1,16-25 NKJV*

**But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."**



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## *Matthew 1:1,16-25 NKJV*

**So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."**



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## *Matthew 1:1,16-25 NKJV*

**Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.**



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# A MESSY ANCESTRY

*... Joseph, the husband of Mary,  
and Mary was the mother of Jesus  
who is called the Messiah.*

**A Unique Situation Because of the Virgin Birth**

**David's Royal Line, Seed of Abraham**

**Four Women – Examples of God's Grace**

**Jesus Identifies with Sinners**

**In the Mess,  
God's Love is Apparent**



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# A MESSY ENGAGEMENT

*... before they came together, she was found  
with child of the Holy Spirit.*

**A Miraculous Pregnancy**

**A Moral Scandal, A Social Crisis**

**The Righteousness of Joseph**

**A Compassionate Choice**

**God Entered the Real World with Real People**



**Following God's Way may be  
Difficult and Messy**

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# THE MESS'S REMEDY

*... you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.*

**He Will Come as a Savior**

**His Purpose is to Save Us from the Mess**

**From the Penalty of Sin, The Power of Sin  
The Presence of Sin**

**God Himself Enters the Mess  
He Became "God With Us"**



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**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...  
HE ENTERED OUR MESS**

*“The love of God is greater far  
than tongue or pen could ever tell.”*

**A Hint of God’s Extraordinary Love  
We Can Trust God Because He Loves Us**

**God is Present  
in the Midst of all of It**



***Immanuel***

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