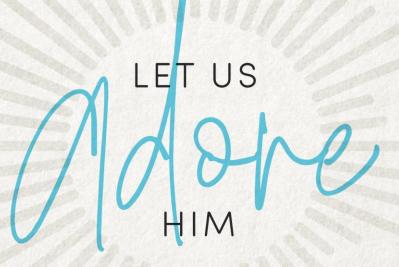
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Week Four: Love

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



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.

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.





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."

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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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.





A MESSY ANCESTRY ... Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus

A Unique Situation Because of the Virgin Birth David's Royal Line, Seed of Abraham

who is called the Messiah.

Four Women – Examples of God's Grace Jesus Identifies with Sinners



In the Mess, God's Love is Apparent



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

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"





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



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