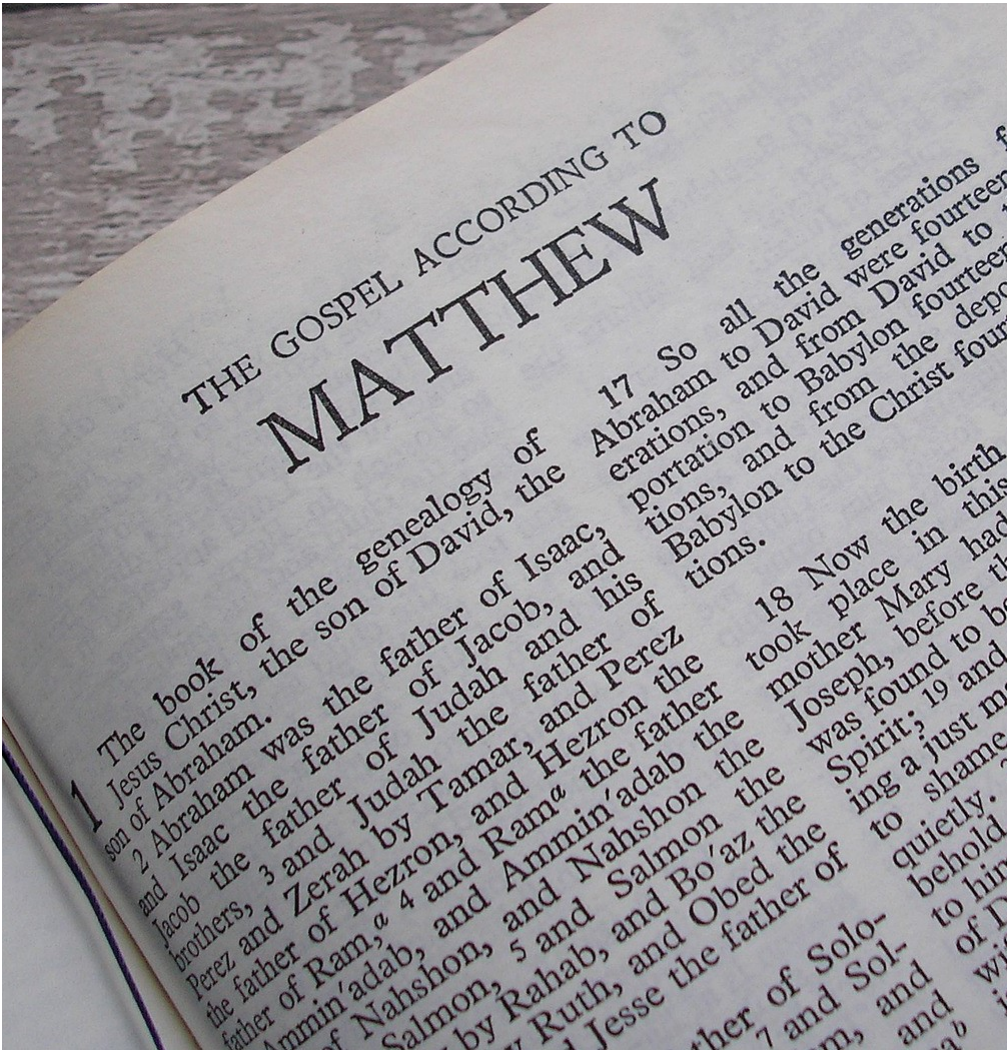


Let's Worship God

27th June - 2nd July 2022
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Monday - Matthew 1:1-17 - The Genealogy of Christ

We're going to be looking at the book of Matthew using commentary by J.C. Ryle that has been edited for brevity and clarity. Matthew begins with a long list of names. Sixteen verses are taken up with tracing a line from Abraham to David, and from David to the family in which Jesus was born. Don't ever think that these verses are useless. Every word of it comes from God and is for some good purpose.

We learn, for one thing, from this list of names, that God always keeps His word. He had promised that in Abraham's seed all the nations of the earth should be blessed. He had promised that the Saviour would come from the family of David. (Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 11:1) These sixteen verses prove that Jesus was the Son of David and the Son of Abraham, and that God's promise was fulfilled. Thoughtless and unbelieving people should remember this and be afraid. Whatever they may think, God will keep His word. True Christians should remember this and take comfort. Their Father in heaven will be true to His promises. He has said that He will save all believers in Christ. If He has said it, He will certainly do it.

We learn, for another thing, from this list of names, the sinfulness of human nature. A lot of godly parents in this list had wicked and ungodly sons. We need something more than good examples and good advice to make us children of God. Parents should pray night and day that their children may be children of God.

We learn, finally, from this list how great is the mercy and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He is the eternal Son of God, He humbled Himself to become man, in order to provide salvation for sinners. Our sins may be as great as any on this list of names. But they cannot shut us out of heaven, if we repent and believe the Gospel.

Questions

1. What do these names tell us about Jesus?
2. Why did Christ become man?

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ became man to save sinners.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

Praise: Psalm 119: Part 15 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.

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Tuesday - Matthew 1:18-25 - The Name of Christ

The name Jesus means “Saviour”. It is given to our Lord because He saves His people from their sins. This is His special job. He saves them from the guilt of sin, by washing them in His own blood. He saves them from the dominion of sin, by giving them the Holy Spirit. He saves them from the presence of sin, when He takes them to heaven to be with Him. He will save them from all the consequences of sin, when He shall give them a glorious body at the last day.

The name Immanuel means “God with us.” It describes who Christ is as the God-man. He has a nature like ours in all things, except sin. But even though Jesus is perfect man, He is also perfect God. We often find that Jesus could be tired, hungry and thirsty, could weep, and feel pain like us. In all this we see the man Christ Jesus. But we also find that Jesus knew men’s hearts and thoughts, He had power over devils, He could work the mightiest miracles with a word, He was ministered to by angels, He allowed a disciple to call Him “my God”, and He said He was one with the Father. In all this we see the eternal God.

If we want to have a strong foundation for our faith and hope, we must remember that our Saviour is God. All power in heaven and earth is His. No one can snatch us out of His hand. If we are true believers in Jesus, our heart doesn’t need to be troubled or afraid. If we want to have comfort in suffering and trials, we need to remember that our Saviour is a man. He has Himself experienced Satan’s temptations; He has shed tears; He has felt pain. We can trust Him with our sorrows. He will not despise us. We may pour out our hearts before Him in prayer, keeping nothing back, and He can sympathise.

Questions

1. What does Jesus mean?
2. What does Immanuel mean?

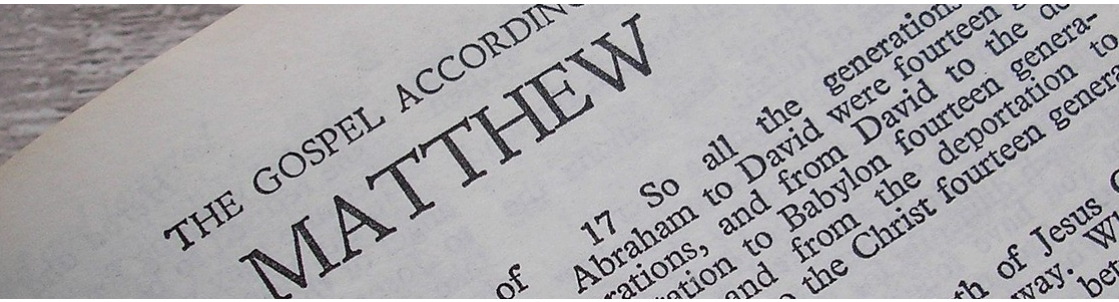
Prayer Points

1. Give thanks that Christ is both God and man.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Wednesday - Matthew 2:1-12 - The Wise Men

These verses show us that there may be true servants of God in places where we wouldn't expect to find them. Men and women may be born in dark places of the earth, like these wise men, and yet like them be made wise unto salvation. It is not always those who have the most religious privileges who give Christ most honour. We might have thought that the scribes and Pharisees would have been the first to hurry to Bethlehem, on the slightest rumour that the Saviour was born. But it was not so. A few unknown strangers from a distant land were the first, along with the shepherds, to rejoice at His birth. How often the very persons who have the most opportunity to learn about God are those who neglect it.

These verses also show that there may be knowledge of Scripture in the head, while there is no grace in the heart. The priests knew the Scripture, but they never went to Bethlehem to seek the Saviour. They would not believe in Him even when He lived among them.

What trouble it must have cost these wise men to go from their homes to the house where Jesus was! How many dangerous miles must they have travelled. But none of this mattered. They had their hearts set on seeing Christ, and they would not rest till they found Him. What diligence do we show about following Christ? What does our faith cost us?

These wise men believed in Christ when they had never seen Him. They believed in Him when the scribes and Pharisees were unbelieving. They believed in Him when they saw him as a small child and worshipped Him as a King. They saw no miracles to convince them. They heard no teaching to persuade them. They saw nothing but a small child, but when they saw Him they believed that they saw the Saviour of the world.

Questions

1. Who was the first to rejoice at Christ's birth?
2. What did the wise men believe about Christ?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for faith like the wise men.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Thursday - Matthew 2:13-23 - Flight Into Egypt

The rulers of this world are seldom friendly to the cause of God. The Lord Jesus comes down from heaven to save sinners, and at once Herod the king seeks to destroy Him. These verses also show that Jesus is a “Man of Sorrows” even as an infant. Trouble awaits Him as soon as He enters into the world. His life is in danger from Herod’s hatred. His mother and Joseph must take Him away by night and flee to Egypt. This is just typical of all His experience on earth.

The Lord Jesus is just the Saviour that the suffering and sorrowful need. He knows what we are talking about when we pray to Him about our troubles. He can sympathise with us. Let us keep nothing back from Him. Let us make Him our closest friend and pour out our hearts to Him.

Death can come to the kings of this world just like it comes to other men. The rulers of millions have no more power to keep their heart beating than anyone else. The murderer of helpless infants must himself die, and when Joseph and Mary hear that Herod is dead, they return in safety to their own land. True Christians should never be greatly worried by the persecution of man. Their enemies may be strong, and they may be weak, but still they ought not to be afraid. Death is a mighty leveller, and can take any mountain out of the way of Christ’s Church.

Nazareth was a small town in Galilee. It was not once mentioned in the Old Testament. Other cities were far more important. But the Lord Jesus passed by them all and chose Nazareth. This was humility, a humility we would do well to imitate. Pride is the oldest and commonest of sins, and we should pray and work for humility.

Questions

1. Where does Jesus go and why?
2. Where does Jesus live most of His life?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for humility.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3

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Friday - Matthew 3:1-12 - John the Baptist

John the Baptist spoke plainly about sin. He taught the absolute necessity of repentance before anyone can be saved; he preached that repentance must be shown by its fruits; he warned men not to rest on an outward show of faith. This is just the teaching that we all need. We are naturally dead, blind, and asleep in spiritual things; we are ready to be content with routine religion and to tell ourselves that if we go to church we shall be saved; we need to be told that unless we repent and believe we will all perish.

John the Baptist spoke plainly about our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming One was the King who would take away sins and judge the world. We need to be sent direct to Christ; we're too ready to stop short. John the Baptist spoke plainly about the Holy Spirit. He preached that there was such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There must not only be the work of Christ for us, but the work of the Holy Spirit in us that changes our hearts and causes us to believe and enables us to grow more like Christ.

John the Baptist spoke plainly about the awful danger unbelievers are in. We need to be warned that it is no trivial thing whether we repent or not; we need to be reminded that there is a hell as well as a heaven, and an everlasting punishment for the unbeliever as well as everlasting life for the godly. We are apt to forget this. We talk of the love and mercy of God, and we don't remember His justice and holiness. It is no real kindness to keep back the terrors of the Lord from unbelievers. John the Baptist also spoke plainly about the safety of true believers. The best of Christians need much encouragement. They need to be reminded that Jesus will never leave them nor forsake them. He will take them safely through this life and bring them to eternal glory.

Questions

1. What did John the Baptist preach about?
2. Why do we still need to hear about this today?

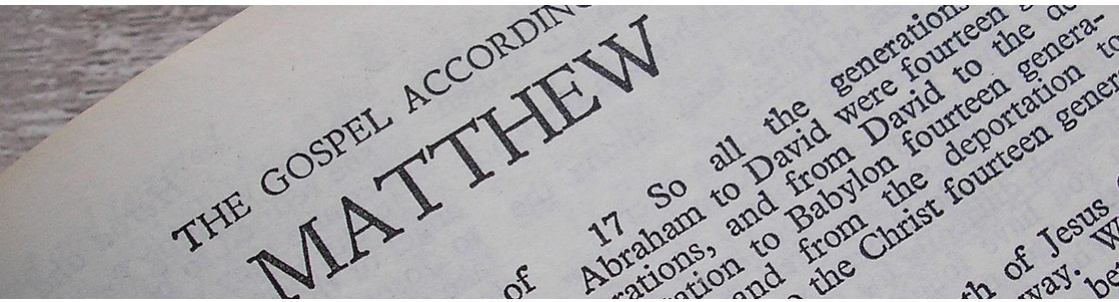
Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

Memory Verse

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Saturday - Matthew 3:13-17 - Jesus' Baptism

When the Jewish priests took up their office they were washed with water: when our great High Priest begins the great work He came into the world to accomplish He is publicly baptised. Such a baptism will never be again, so long as the world stands. All three Persons of the Trinity were there. God the Son is baptised; God the Holy Spirit descends like a dove; God the Father speaks from heaven. This is a public announcement that the work of Christ is the result of the eternal plan of our Triune God. It was the whole Trinity, which at the beginning of Creation said, "Let us make man;" it was the whole Trinity again, which at the beginning of the Gospel seemed to say, "Let us save man."

God the Father declares that Jesus is the Divine Saviour sealed and appointed from all eternity to carry out the work of redemption. He proclaims that He accepts Him as the Mediator between God and man. He publishes to the world that He is satisfied with Him as the Substitute, the ransom-payer for the lost family of Adam, and the Head of a redeemed people.

These words of God are full of peace, joy, comfort, and consolation for all who have fled for refuge to the Lord Jesus Christ and committed their souls to Him for salvation. Such may rejoice in the thought, that though in themselves sinful, yet in God's sight they are counted righteous. The Father regards them as members of His beloved Son. He sees in them no spot, and for His Son's sake is well pleased.

Questions

1. Who was present at Jesus' baptism?
2. What did God the Father say?

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters

Memory Verse

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

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Ezra read from
the book of the Law
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