

Bible/College Class Notes – Studies in Matthew – Lesson 127

The Saviour Comes and Begins His Work

This week – God kept His many promises to send His Son to be the Saviour of lost sinners.

“And thou Bethlehem ... Out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule My People”

Matthew 2v6

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 22v1-18 (God’s promise – A Saviour to come)	
Monday	2 Samuel 7v8-17 (Thy kingdom shall be established for ever)	
Tuesday	Isaiah 7v10-16, 9v1-7 (Virgin birth, Emmanuel, God with us)	
Wednesday	Micah 5v1-5 (A Ruler will come out of Bethlehem)	
Thursday	Matthew 1v16-25 (Descended from Abraham and David)	
Friday	Matthew 2v13-23 (Saved from Herod’s murderous plan)	
Saturday	Matthew 4v12-25 (The Lord starts His ministry in Galilee)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Christianity is the only true religion as it originated in eternity past with the one true God. All other religions are the thoughts and imaginations of men who reject God’s revealed truth. They do not lead to God. For example: Muslim (Islam) – Set up by Mohammed (570AD – 632). Hinduism – (started 3300BC); has several idol ‘gods’. Buddhism - Gautama Buddha (563-480BC), established himself as a ‘god’. Mormonism – Set up by Joseph Smith in 1820AD. He wrote ‘The Book of Mormon’. Jehovah’s Witnesses – Set up in the 1870’s by Charles Russell – Denying Christ as God. Roman Catholicism – a corruption of true Christianity from around 325AD – Teaching that salvation is not by Christ alone, but from the Church of Rome, Pope, Priests, Saints, Mary, relics, and man-made idols. Purgatory is their invention.

True Biblical Christianity is the only religion which promises certain hope of salvation from a Triune, Eternal, Unchanging, Creator God and not from sinful man’s efforts.

The only Saviour for all who ever lived is God the Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. John 14v6.

Hymn 224 reminding us of the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ, great David’s greater Son.

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| <p>1. Once in royal David’s city
Stood a lowly cattle-shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.</p> | <p>2. He came down to earth from Heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all;
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.</p> |
| <p>5. And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in Heaven above
And He leads His children on;
To the place where He is gone.</p> | <p>6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in Heaven,
Set at God’s right hand on high,
When, like stars, His children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.</p> |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel - God with Us.

- **Christ’s Birth – A pivotal point in history.** Before Christ is BC, After is AD.
 - **Who Is Christ?** Is He just another human leader of some man-made religion? **No.** He is none-other than The Son of The Living God, the 2nd Person of the Triune Godhead, Who came as perfect Man to be the Saviour of lost sinners.
- **Descended from Abraham.** Gen 22v18, Matthew 1v1,2.
 - God promised Abraham, 2,000 years before the birth of Jesus Christ, that a special descendant of his would be born, through the line of Isaac, and Jacob.
 - Through **Him** all the nations of the world would be blessed in a remarkable way.
- **Descended from King David.** Matthew 1v17.
 - God promised David, *‘Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever ...’* See 2 Samuel 7v16. David died in 970BC, so this **must** refer to Jesus Christ.
- **Born to a Virgin. Conceived by The Holy Spirit – No earthly father.** Isaiah 7v14
 - *“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”* Matthew 1v23
 - The Lord Jesus was born a Perfect Man – No inheritance of Adams’ sinful nature.
- **Born in Bethlehem of Judea - The City of David.** Micah 5v2, Luke 2v1-7.
 - Although Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, God led them south to Bethlehem.
- **Preserved From Death.**
 - King Herod planned to kill the Lord Jesus; but God told Joseph to take Mary and the Child to Egypt for safety - as foretold by Hosea. Hosea 11v1, Matthew 2v15.
- **Resident in Galilee.**
 - Although the Lord Jesus Christ is The Messiah, He was not taken to Jerusalem but to Nazareth. At 30, He started His ministry in Galilee. Matthew 4v12-16, Isaiah 9v1,2.
- **What was to be His Name? Jesus – Saviour.**
 - The angel told Joseph, *“Thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His People (repentant believers), from their sins.”* Matthew 1v20-23.
 - Gabriel told Mary before He was born, to *“call His name Jesus.”* Luke 1v31.

Do you believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God, promised from before creation to come to earth as a perfect Man for the express purpose of offering Himself as a sacrifice on the cross – a substitute for rebel sinners like us?

Jesus said, “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.” John 3v16.

Do you see yourself as a sinner in God’s holy sight? Have you repented and believed?

The Apostle John wrote, “Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in Him, and He in God.”

1 John 4 v13-15.