



The Church Does

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1. Birth of Jesus

- Promised Messiah
- From a virgin
- Savior

2. What kind of savior?

- Wanted - from oppressors
- Not wanted - for forgiveness
- Needed - from sin

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. ²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1:18-21 NLT

¹⁰ Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" ¹¹ "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more." **John 8:10-11 NLT**

Next Steps:

- ☐ Re-read the Christmas story from today
- ☐ Consider and pray about what my expectations from Jesus are as my savior
- ☐ Give God thanks for the forgiveness and power over sin that is mine because of Christmas
- ☐ Commit to walk in God's light and power as I face temptation and sin in my life
- ☐ Invite a friend to the Christmas Eve service
- ☐ _____