All About Jesus

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Matthew 1:18 (NIV)

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

This is not a statement out of nowhere. This is the fulfillment of a promise from the very beginning of time. In fact, the Bible is the unfolding revelation of Christ. Jesus is coming to reconcile mankind to God. It is all about Jesus. Every Christian needs to understand this truth to be able to understand the Bible, God's revelation, and the evil in this world. We see this truth in the very beginning when Satan led Adam and Eve into sin.

Genesis 3:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; ¹⁵And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He (Jesus) shall bruise you on the head, And you (Satan) shall bruise him on the heel."

NASB used the literal word "seed" referring to the offspring of the Devil and the woman. The word "seed" can be interpreted as singular or plural. Satan's offspring will be many, but the woman's victorious seed will be one. The one victorious seed of the woman that defeats Satan is Jesus. Gal.3:16 (NASB)

Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his <u>seed</u>. He does not say, "And to <u>seeds</u>," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

For believers, it is all about Jesus. This one seed Jesus is the same one seed promised to Abraham. The "seed" always refers coming from the man, but in Genesis the "seed" comes from the woman. The birth of this one victorious seed will come from a virgin, a woman, by the Holy Spirit and will be God incarnate.

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to <u>a son (her seed)</u> and will call him <u>Immanuel.</u> (God with us!)

Jesus is identified as the woman's seed here and in Genesis, because the father is not human flesh and blood. The father is God the Father through the Holy Spirit. Jesus' appearance is not with human grandeur. Jesus, God incarnate is born in a stable. Jesus did not come as king with a great army. Jesus came as a baby. God's miraculous move on earth and mankind is a lesson to us. Just like our salvation, Jesus does not come through the works or greatness of men. One baby in a stable, in a manger will redeem a people for God. Likewise in this dark world with Christianity under attack, God does not use human grandeur to impact the world. God uses the church.

In the book of Revelations God give a great example with the church of Philadelphia. Since I think this applies to us, I am going to insert our name in this section.

Rev.3:7-11 (NIV)

To Broadlands Community Church: ⁷These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. (Jesus came through the line of David.) What Jesus opens no one can shut, and what Jesus shuts no one can open. ⁸Broadlands I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹I will make those who are of the church of Satan, who claim to be Christians though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

We are little but Jesus is here. We are God's church and Jesus is the head.

Col.1:18 (NIV)

Jesus is the head of the body, the church!

In this dark world, God's protective Hand is covering us and protecting us. To attack us is to attack Jesus.

1Cor.3:17 (NIV)

If anyone destroys God's temple (the church), God will destroy that person; for God's temple (the church) is sacred, and <u>you together are that temple (the church)</u>.

The Bible talks about us individually as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Here the Bible is talking about the corporate temple, the church. The corporate church is God's sacred residence.

Don't worry stand with Jesus and let your light shine and watch Jesus work!

Matt.28:19 & 20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In a way physically, we are like Jesus in the manger. However, spiritually we are like the Creator God with all HIS power standing as the light in a dark world. We are invincible!

It is all about Jesus!

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

Salvation is found in no one else, but Jesus for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.