



# SAVIOUR

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**SERMON SERIES: Savior of the World**

**SERMON TITLE: His Name Is Jesus**

**KEY TEXT (ESV): Matthew 1:18-25 ESV**

**OTHER TEXTS (ESV): Matthew 1:21, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Numbers 21:4-9, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 13:13-14.**

**Big Idea:** The birth of Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, fulfills God's prophetic promise to bring salvation to us. He came to rescue humanity from the penalty of sin, offering justification through His sacrifice, and to free us from the power of sin, leading us into sanctification. His name Immanuel, means "God with us." Jesus not only assures us of God's presence but also calls us into a transformative relationship with Him, empowering us to live holy lives in alignment with His purpose and glory.

In this first sermon of the series, Pastor Moffat reminds us that Jesus came to save us from both our *sin* (our fallen nature) and *sins* (our actions), revealing His presence and His purpose as the Savior of the world.

### **Matthew 1:18-25 ESV**

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:*

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.*

God Bless You!

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**Leader Heads-Up:** Before we 'Start Talking', check who's present and take attendance to kick off the fun!

### A. Start Talking

What was your biggest *win* this year, and what made it unforgettable?

### B. Start Thinking

1. How does recognizing Jesus as "God with us" (Immanuel) shape the way you respond to the current challenges you are facing in life? Read **Matthew 1:23 ESV**
2. Joseph obeyed God's direction despite the personal cost. What steps of obedience and commitment is God calling you to take regardless of the challenges it might bring? Read **Matthew 1:24 ESV**
3. Jesus came to save us from our sins. How does this truth encourage you to deal with sins of omission or commission in your life? **Read Matthew 1:21 ESV**

### Start Praying

Pray that God will help you to live a life that honors Him through action and surrender.

### C. Start Doing

1. **Trust in God's Sovereign Plan:** Surrender your uncertainties and trust in God's plan, just as Joseph obeyed God's direction despite his initial doubts.
2. **Call on the Name of Jesus:** Call upon Jesus, who saves and delivers you in times of weakness or struggle with sin.
3. **Live as "God with Us" People:** Practice daily awareness of God's presence by setting aside time for prayer and reflection.
4. **Commit to Progressive Growth:** Seek God's help to overcome areas of your life where sins of omission or commission may hinder your growth.

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