

Born for a Purpose

The Book of Matthew’s account of the Birth of Jesus.

Why include the genealogy?

Abraham – The **FIRST Jew** –

⇒ The way WE LIVE should POINT PEOPLE TO JESUS!

V17 – 14 generations...

V18 Mary – Who will believe her?

V19-20 Break engagement = divorce. Jewish law

V21 – Jesus means = The Lord saves.

(Yahweh – Jehovah – I AM WHO I AM)

Jesus was born to save us.

The name **Emmanuel** means... God with Us

Put them together and you get CHRISTMAS -

Jesus is GOD IN THE FLESH who SAVES!

Matthew 1:24-25 (NLT) ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Here is an interesting point to ponder:

Christmas has always had its share of family conflicts!

God did not send Jesus to save the Jewish people only – He sent the Jewish Messiah to save **everyone** who would believe and receive him! God has BIG plans! So should we!!!

Pray for our 2015 Spring Growth Campaign:

40 Days of LOVE

Pray for 40 HOSTS That many groups = 240 people!

We launch our Spring growth campaign **Sunday Feb. 8**

My Purpose: Jesus was born to save, I am born again to share.

Next Week: **Dec 21- Joy to the World- Luke 2:13-14**