

## Sermon Notes

### *The Purpose of Jesus or It's All in His Name*

- I. Introduction – Central focus of Scripture.
  - A. The entire Bible is about Jesus.
  - B. Matthew lays out the purpose of Jesus in the first chapter.
  - C. Reading of the text – Matthew 1:18-25
    1. Explanation of Joseph's predicament.
    2. Special focus: Verse 21 "...shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."
- II. Exposition
  - A. Sins
    1. Human beings avoid this topic.
    2. Let's look at it carefully.
      - a. The moral law is our mirror.
    3. Man's tendency is to lock up the truth. Rom. 1:18
    4. Sin → "To miss the mark."
    5. God's hatred of sin extends to not only the act but also the person – Psalm 5:4-5.
  - B. It's all in His name.
    1. "Jesus" is a common first century name.
    2. Derived from the Hebrew "Joshua" → "God saves."
    3. The angels' proclamation.
      - a. Gospel – Historical understanding – "One who brings good news from the battlefield."
    4. His name declares His purpose.
    5. Noting what Jesus did not come to do.
      - a. Relieve our felt needs.
    6. Never lose sight of the essential reason for Jesus' coming.

- C. There is a profound difference between making salvation possible and saving someone.
  1. "Save" conveys that He would do something definite.
- D. He will not save everyone, but only His people from their sin.
  1. Fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant.
    - a. Genesis 12:1-3; John 10:26-29

### III. Key Insights

- A. The Law's purpose.
  1. God's character.
  2. Our need of a Savior.
    - a. Illustrations:
      1. The mirror and the MRI
- B. The Gospel remedy
  1. How we remember the difference between Law and Gospel.
    - a. Law is d \_\_\_\_\_; Gospel is d \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Conclusion

- A. Noting high anxiety among the sheep over recent months.
  1. North American culture is changing.
  2. What can a person do?
  3. Never forget where your real power lies – Romans 1:16.
  4. P \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel; T \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel;  
P \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel; L \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.
- B. How many things have we purposed to do, but failed to complete?
- C. Yet, of completed goals, how many changes would you make?
- D. But what about the child named "God Saves"?
  1. John 17:8, 14, 22; John 19:28-30
- E. It's all in His name.
  1. Your greatest problem in life has been solved!