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How did the _____ of Jesus come about?

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about:

Matthew 1:18 (NIV11)

- Messiah (Hebrew) = _____ (Greek)
 - a promised _____
- Jesus (Latin) = _____ (Hebrew)
 - Joshua - a _____

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18-20 (NIV11)

- When it came to the messiah nobody was expecting a _____ birth.

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21 (NIV11)

- What do you need _____ from?
 - They already had a “save us from our _____” system

Joseph’s Response

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Matthew 1:24 (NIV11)

²¹ ... you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will forgive his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21(mistranslation)

- We reduce Christmas to _____
- Jesus came to deliver us from the _____ of sin.

¹¹ “.... “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” **John 8:11 (NIV11)**

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 (NIV11)

Who needs Christmas?

- The _____ needs Christmas

My Next Step Today Is To...

- To tell the story of Jesus that I, a part of his church, am blessed to tell.
- Give God thanks for the forgiveness and power over sin that is mine because of Christmas
- Meditate on and/or memorize Matthew 1:21
- Receive Jesus in my life as I experience the forgiveness that only he can bring and the power to live a life that can say no to sin.