December 1, 2013

HOPE: HEAVEN CAME TO EARTH Matthew 1:18-25

How did Jesus get here? Matt. 1:18-25; Is. 7:14

- He <u>came</u> from heaven. 2 Cor. 12:2; Luke 23:43; John 3:13, 31, 6:32-33, 35, 38, 41-42, 50-51, 58
- He has <u>always</u> been and never not been. John 1:1-4; Col. 1:16-17;
 Heb. 1:2; John 10:30, 14:9-11
- He came supernaturally by the virgin <u>birth</u>. Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26 -27, 34-35; Is. 7:14; John 1:14-18, 14:9-11

Why did Jesus come? Matt. 1:21-23

- He came to set man <u>free</u> from the destructive nature of sin. Matt. 1:21; Luke 19:10; Matt. 20:28; Rom. 3:23, 6:23; Gal. 1:4-5, 4:4-7; Heb. 2:14-18, 7:25; John 3:16
- He came to <u>enable</u> man to have a relationship with God. John 3:16, 1:12, 14:1-6; Eph. 2:1-9
- He came to set man free to <u>live</u> life as God intended. Matt. 1:21;
 John 10:10; Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:7; Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; John 1:16,
 8:11

What are we to do?

- Walk away from what <u>He</u> has done (rejection). Matt. 27:1-4, 19:16-27, 26:14-16; Acts 26:27-29
- Walk <u>toward</u> Him because of what He has done (acceptance). John 1:12; Matt. 3:8; Acts 4:38-39; Luke 19:1-10; Acts 16:30-34
- Walk in the <u>new</u> life because of what He has done. Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Pet. 1:3; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Luke 9:23