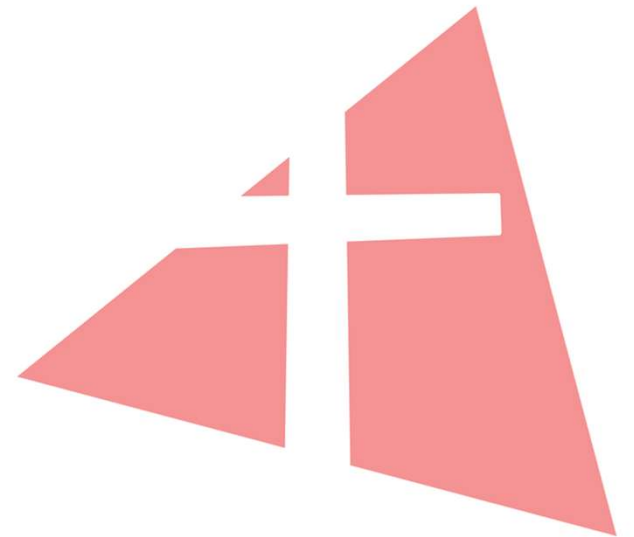


THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

December 25th 2020



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

- **Some people have heard the story so often that we don't see the greatness of the miracle of Jesus' birth any longer**



JESUS' GENEALOGY

○ Abraham

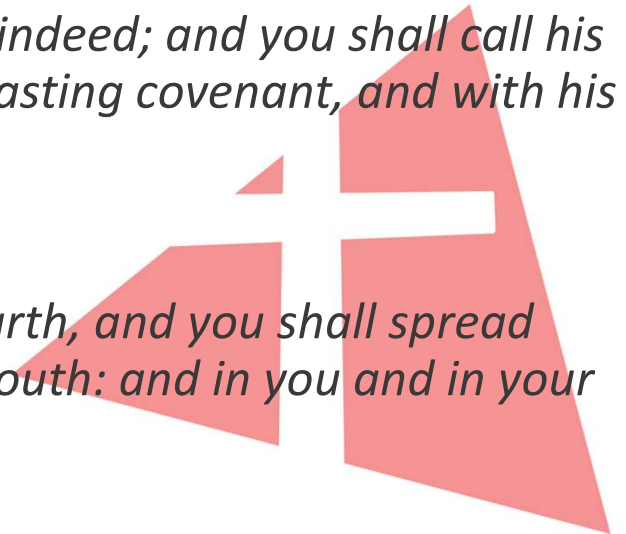
Genesis 12:3 And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

○ Isaac

Genesis 17:19 And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.

○ Jacob

Genesis 28:14 And your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.



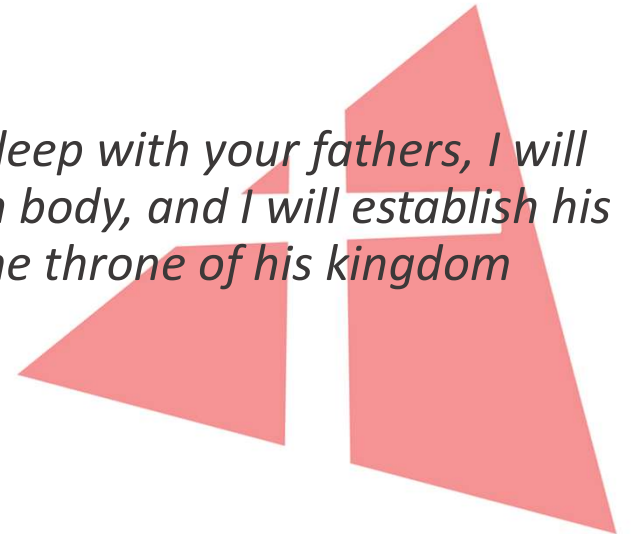
JESUS' GENEALOGY

○ Judah

Genesis 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

○ David

2 Samuel 7:12-13 And when your days be fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your offspring after you, who shall proceed out of your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom forever.



JESUS' PLACES TO LIVE

- Places in Jesus' life
 - Bethlehem

***Micah 5:2** But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*



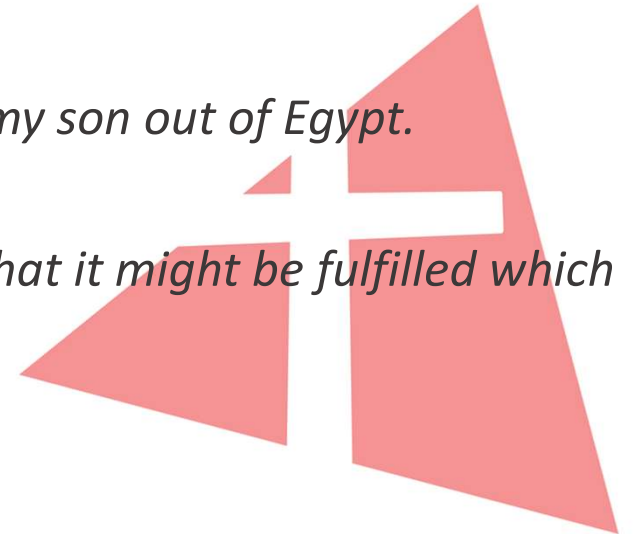
JESUS' PLACES TO LIVE

○ Places in Jesus' life

- Egypt
- Nazareth

***Hosea 11:1** When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.*

***Matthew 2:23** And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.*



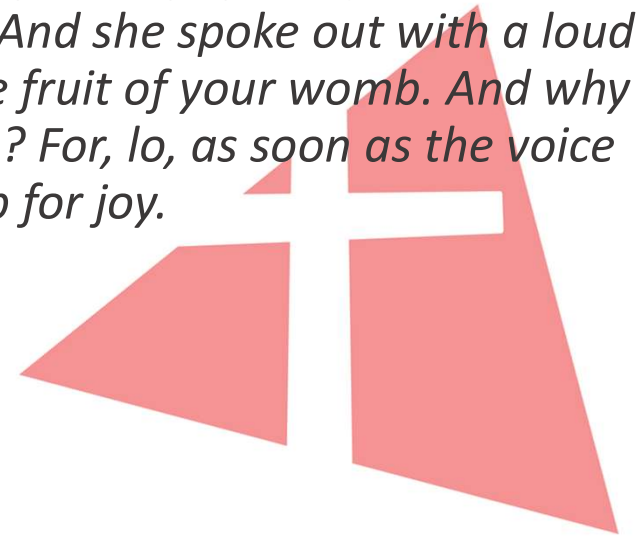
THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.



MARY AND ELIZABETH

Luke 1:41-44: And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit: And she spoke out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.



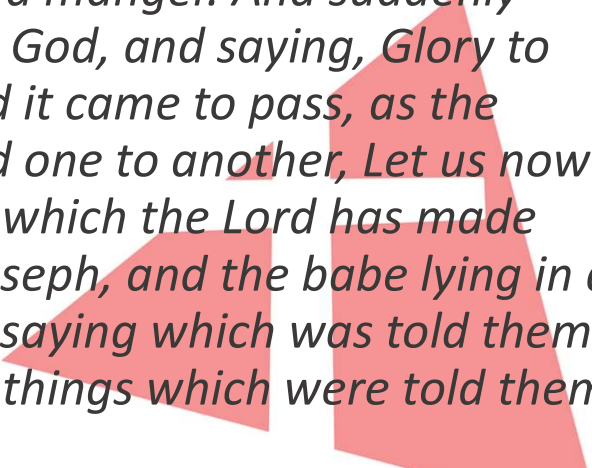
MARY AND ELIZABETH

Luke 1:46-47: And Mary said, My soul does magnify the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.



THE ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:8-18 *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were much afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*

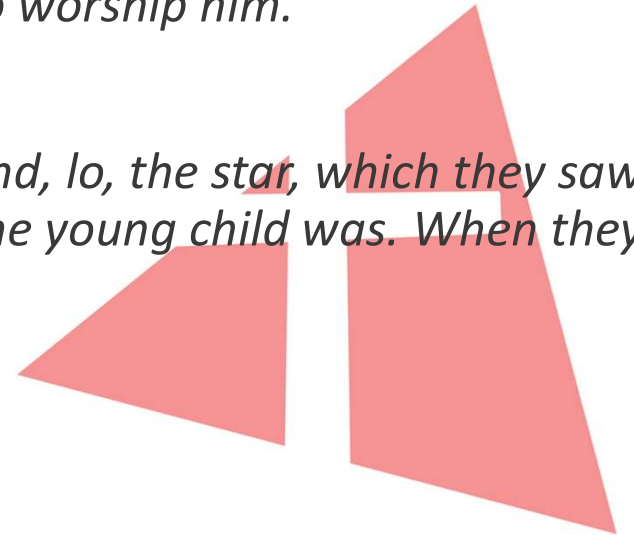


THE WISE MEN

Matthew 2:1-2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

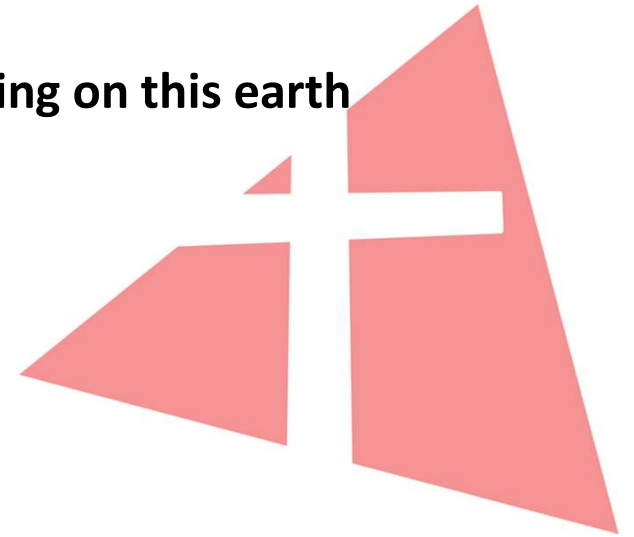
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Matthew 2:9-10 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.



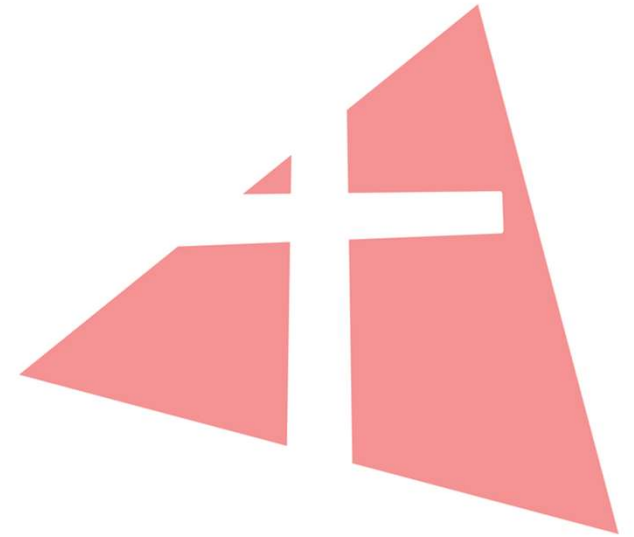
CHRISTMAS

- God performed all these miracles before Jesus ever DID anything on this earth



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- Jesus' birth already confirms who He is



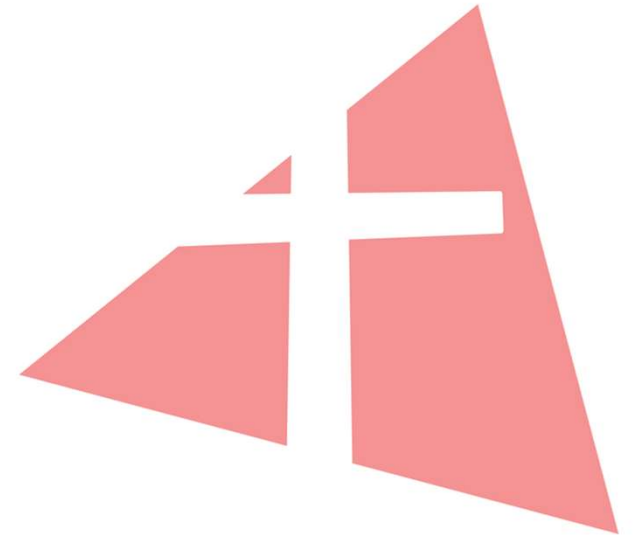
WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- **The same God who performed all these miracles 2000 years ago is still working miracles in our lives today!**



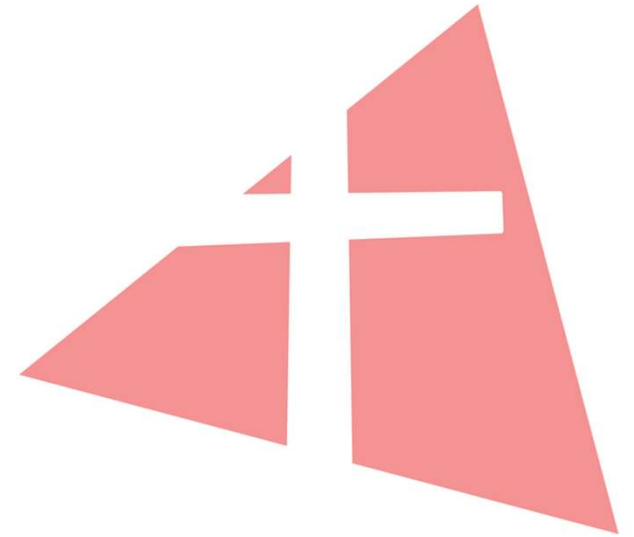
WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO DO IN MY LIFE?

- **Provision**
- **Healing**
- **Forgiveness/Restoration of relationships**



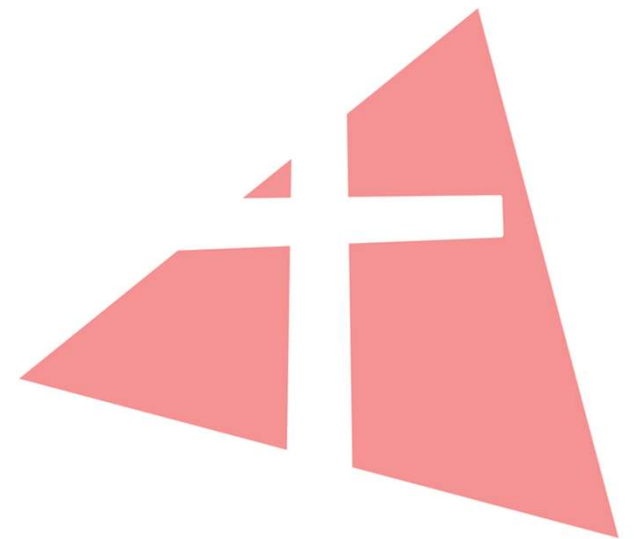
WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO DO IN MY LIFE?

- **Protection**
- **Guidance**
- **Promises yet to be fulfilled**
- **...**



WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO DO IN MY LIFE?

○ Grow our Faith



CHRISTMAS

- Let's embrace God's power during this Christmas season

