

CURRENT SERIES

The Line

Christ's birth changed the entire course of history. We even separate history according to Jesus' birth (B.C. to A.D.)! Jesus changed the world by entering history as the "Word made flesh," and He can change our lives as well.

MESSAGE NOTES

The Story Begins

Genesis 3; Matthew 1:18-25 | Pastor Matthew Starner

Acts 3:24 NIV: "All the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days."

The big story of Christmas is _____.

Humanity rebels and _____ - God responds out of love and _____.

Matthew 1:21 NIV: "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."

Christmas is not a time that we like to think about _____.

It's easy to hide from our sin behind the distractions of _____.

Jesus comes not to reject or disown you, but to _____ you.

TALK IT OVER

These discussion questions can help you take today's sermon and help you apply it to your life or find your next steps. Use these questions with your family, with friends, or in your own personal devotion time.

1. What does Jesus' name literally mean? (See Matthew 1:21)
What does your name mean?
2. Why is it important that we understand that everyone is born into sin because of Genesis 3?
3. What would you say to someone who told you they have messed up way too much in order to receive God's forgiveness?
4. Have you ever felt eaten up by guilt or condemnation? How did you or how could you find relief?
5. In the story of Genesis 3, Jesus is the ultimate offspring promised to Adam and Eve and the enemy of Satan. What does that mean for us sinners?

THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

Take today's message beyond Sunday and into the rest of your week. Read and reflect on these verses alone, with your family, or with a friend. Talk about how they apply to your life today or what God might be teaching you through His Word.

Sunday	Matthew 1:18-25
Monday	Colossians 1:20-23
Tuesday	1 John 3:5
Wednesday	Titus 2:14
Thursday	Revelation 1:5-6
Friday	Luke 2:11
Saturday	Acts 13:23

ONLINE NOTES

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