Pastoral Notes

'The Son Who Saves' Matthew 1:18-21.

Last Sunday we celebrated the fourth Sunday of Advent where we lit the candle of Peace. In doing so we recognized that, with the birth of Jesus, true Peace came into the world.

As the world prepared to celebrate Christmas, we are reminded **that the birth of** Jesus was both special and unique because there is no Christmas without Christ.

How Jesus was born was as

later. Just as God sent an Angel to Joseph, **don't be** surprised if God sends an Angel your way to comfort you when you are faced with a tough decision.

Jesus came into the world, not to condemn us for our sins, but to save us from them. He was able to do this because he was 100% God, while appearing to us in the form of a man. **Long before his birth, the prophets foretold that "God would be with us"** (Immanuel) and would be born of a virgin through the line of David. **He was born**

Nuggets:

Key Sermonic Points

- 1. Jesus birth fulfilled his prophecy
- 2. The Holy Spirit revealed his deity
- 3. The Angel unsealed his destiny

important as the fact that he was born because the virgin birth fulfilled his **prophecy**, revealed his **deity** and unsealed his **destiny**.

Our lesson from our chosen text is that **'you must flow with God even when it doesn't make sense'.** That's what Joseph was told to do. He had to trust God's plan even though it contrary to what he had made his mind up to do. The good thing for Joseph is that God intercepted his thoughts. Sometimes, **God will** do that to us so that he can **keep us from doing something we would regret** to be "the Son who saves". While the Wind could blow sin, Lightening could scare sin, an Earthquake could shake sin, only Jesus could Atone sin.

Jesus was born for US. If you take part in him, he will take part in you. Embrace the season of Christmas and make its focus the Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Because he saves we have hope, joy, love and peace when people don't love us; jobs don't promote us, and doctors can't diagnose us. He is the reason for the season

because he is the Son Who Saves.

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Stay Blessed, Pastor Robbie