

Beyond The Manger: Jesus The Man

(Matthew 1:23-25)

- Introduction:
1. The virgin birth of Jesus is a central truth of Christianity.
 2. Jesus left heaven to come to earth (John 1:1,14).
 3. Let us focus on the Jesus beyond the manger.

I. In The Manger...

- A. Jesus was helpless, but as a man, he was all-powerful (Matthew 28:19-20).
- B. Jesus was loved, but as a man, he was hated (John 3:19).
- C. Jesus made demands of his mother, but as a man, he makes demands of everyone (Luke 13:3).

II. More About Jesus, The Man

- A. He loved the truth.
 1. (John 14:6).
 2. (John 1:17).
- B. He loved people.
 1. (John 3:16).
 2. (John 15:13).
- C. How did Jesus handle the tension between his love for truth and his love for people?
 1. (John 8:1-12) The Woman Taken in Adultery
 - a. The law—(Lev. 20:10; Deuteronomy 17:5).
 - b. The compassion—(John 8:7-11).
 2. (Mark 10:17-27) The Rich Young Ruler
 - a. Jesus loved the man, but allowed him to walk away.
 - b. No compromise was offered.

- Conclusion:
1. This Jesus that everyone loves as a newborn, grew up.
 2. We must look beyond the manger and to the cross.
 3. Jesus was more than a helpless babe, he became Lord of lords and King of kings, and has all authority.
 4. While he loves you, he won't change his law to accommodate you.
 5. In light of that truth, are you prepared to meet him?