A Beneficial Birth

"The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit. So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel, which is translated "God is with us." (Matthew 20:18-23) (CSB)

1. Jesus' birth announces to us that God loves us.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) (ESV)

"We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope." (Tim Keller - pastor, author)

2. Jesus' birth announces to us that God understands us.

"Jesus gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God." (Philippians 2:7-8) (NLT)

"There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him." (Isaiah 53:2) (NLT)

"Jesus was born in that cold, dark place because He had no desire to be sheltered from the harsh realities of life in this fallen world of ours. He wanted to experience human life in all of its blue-collar boldness."

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9) (CSB)

3. Jesus' birth announces to us that God can change us.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)