September 10, 2023 Milton Campus – Pastor Branden Mestach



# "God is Yeshua"

Matthew 1:18-23

# A. Yeshua the Christ – Salvation is Here!

"This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 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.'" Matthew 1:18-21 (NIV)

# 1. Yeshua (Joshua) means the LORD saves.

"Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, 'Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance, The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (NIV)

"I saw Heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and wages war."

Revelation 19:11a-b (NIV)

## 2. Christ means God's anointed Son.

"And a voice from Heaven said, 'This is My Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

# 3. The LORD <u>saves</u> His people from:

# a. The <u>power</u> of sin

"For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering."

Romans 8:3a-b (NIV)

## b. The bondage of sin

"To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 (NIV)

# c. The guilt of sin

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12 (NIV)

# d. The penalty of sin

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23 (NIV)

# B. Yeshua Immanuel – God is With <u>Us</u>

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel' (which means, 'God with us')." Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)

## 1. God is with us as:

### a. Prophet

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son."

Hebrews 1:1-2a (NIV)

## b. King

"Whom He appointed heir of all things, and through Whom also He made the universe." Hebrews 1:2b-c (NIV)

#### c. Priest

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in Heaven." Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

# C. Our Part – God Is Yeshua, Therefore, We Will...

1. God is Yeshua, therefore, we will tell the world that Salvation is here!

"'Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

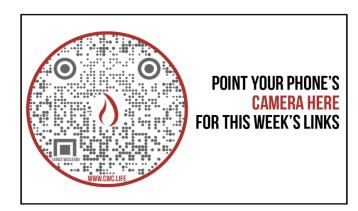
2. God is Yeshua, therefore, we will live like Jesus is the difference.

"For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

# **Bottom Line:**

We don't get a messenger. We get the Son of God.

To begin a relationship with Jesus... Text: IChooseJesus to 570-273-0088 Next Sunday: Prayer L.I.F.E. – Week 1: "Listening in Prayer" Milton: Pastor Branden Mestach Sunbury: Pastor Ryan Brosious



**Stewardship Update** 

Giving Last Weekend: 82.2%

**Giving YTD: 83.7%** 

**Attendance Last Weekend: 2,057** 

Salvations to date: 51 | Baptisms to date: 35

# **Upcoming Happenings:**

October 6 Micah Tyler Concert @ CWC 7p October 7 Missions Food Packing Party 8a

October 27 Trunk or Treat
November 9-12 The Sound of Music!

Notetakers are history-makers.