

2015 “The Jesus Year”

HERE! God Moves Into The Neighborhood

“Here FOR You!”

Matthew 1:18-21

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. ¹⁹Because 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. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Memorize)

“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood...”—John 1:14 (The Message)

*Do You Know Where Your New Neighbor Came From?

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations...”-Ps 119:90

“It’s harder to see God’s work in the PRESENT if you haven’t seen how He’s worked in the PAST!”

*Your New Neighbor Is A BIG Deal!

“It is in Jesus’ name that desperate people pray, grateful people worship, and angry people swear. From christenings to weddings to sickrooms to funerals, it is in Jesus’ name that people are hatched, matched, patched, and dispatched.”—J.O.

“Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of Western Culture for almost twenty centuries.”

Jaroslav Pelikan, Yale Historian

*Your New Neighbor Has A Reputation!

Myths About God: -God Is An Absentee Landlord!
-God Is Everything. -God Is Angry At You And You Need To Pay!
-God Is Just Mr. Rogers! -God Is Here To Punish You Into Obedience!
-God Is Always Disappointed With You!
-God Is Aloof! -God Is Boring!

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”—John 1:14

*Your New Neighbor Shares His Stuff!

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”—Matthew 7:7-11

“Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.”—Deuteronomy 5:33

“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”—Psalm 37:4

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”—Jeremiah 29:11

*Your New Neighbor Has Moved Into EVERY Neighborhood!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”—John 3:16-17