The Birth of the King

Matt. 2:1-2

Introduction:
A. The “king of the Jews” was born in Bethlehem in days of Herod the king.
   1. King of kings and Lord of Lords (Rev 19.16)
   2. Of his kingdom there shall be no end (Luke 1:33; cf. Dan. 2:44)
B. There are two important things to know about any king – especially this king.
   1. His pedigree – to establish his right to the throne.
   2. His purpose – to establish his right to be followed.

Discussion:
I. This King’s Pedigree.
   A. “The Son of David, the son of Abraham” (Mt 1:1)
      1. Abraham (Gen. 22.18)
      2. David (Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Psa. 132:11)
      1. If merely a “young woman” as in RSV - no sign.
      2. If not a virgin, it puts Bible characters in a bad light.
         a. Did Mary lie? (Lk. 1:34)
         b. Did Matthew and Luke falsify the report?
            (1) If ignorantly it was irresponsible reporting.
            (2) If willfully they should be censured.
            (3) If deluded they are to be pitied.
      3. She was not a “perpetual virgin” (Matt. 1:25; John 2:12)
      4. She was great woman, but not an object of worship.
         a. A woman of great faith (Luke 1:34-38, 45)
   C. The son of a Carpenter? (Matt 13.55)
      1. Only as it was supposed (Lk. 3:23)
      2. A just man (Matt. 1:19)
      3. An obedient man (Matt. 1:24) – What faith!
   D. The Son of God - (Luke 1.35; Rom 1.4)

II. This King’s Purpose.
   A. To save from sin (Matt. 1:21)
      1. Not from poverty (Mk. 14:7)
      2. Not from political oppression (John 18:36)
      3. Not from physical suffering.
      4. Not from temporal consequences of sin.
      5. Conditional salvation (John 8:24)
         a. As alien sinner (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38)
         b. As sinning Christians (1 John 1:8-2:1)
   B. To inherit David throne (Lk. 1:31-33).
      1. Has done that (Acts 2:25-36)
      2. He continues to reign (1 Cor. 15:23-28)

Conclusion:
A. Jesus is the only name by which you can be saved (Acts 4:12)
B. Jesus has every right to the throne of David.
C. Have you accepted Jesus as both your savior and king?