

# Do You See

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## HOPE

*Christ, our Hope*

**READ MATTHEW 1:18-25**

### INTRODUCTION

*This very familiar passage deals with the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is key to note that His birth was long awaited by the Jewish nation and yet, it was missed by many. The angel that came to Joseph in a dream was proclaiming the long-awaited news that a Savior was to be born and that Mary, Joseph's future wife, would be the one to give birth to Him. Notice in these verses that the angel describes who Jesus was going to be. There are implications to a name and the Son of God would be no different.*

*Jesus would be the Child's name but, what He was going to do here on earth, for humanity, would be the defining characteristics of that name. In verse 21 we see that He was going to save His people from their sins. This provides hope. Hope that we no longer have to be underneath the eternal judgment of God. Complete forgiveness is something that the sacrificial law of the Old Testament could never fully give. Jesus was going to provide hope in that, He would deal with mankind's sins once and for all.*

*In verse 23 we see that His name would be "Emmanuel" which means God with us. More hope. God, condescending to our level in order to provide a lamb to shed His blood for the remission of sins. This is the message of hope and there is no real hope outside of the forgiveness of God because God is the One that can judge our souls to eternal punishment or, forgive us and welcome us into eternal rest. When we consider the implications of that, it is no wonder that Jesus Christ is our true hope in this world.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

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### *DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

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1. What was so significant about the coming of the Messiah? Why is it still important today?
2. Why do you think the angel went to Joseph? What would your thoughts have been if given this kind of news?
3. Where is our hope found? Why is it so important to have this hope and not place it in things that can pass away?
4. How does God remind you that He gives us hope? What areas do you need to be reminded of the hope of God?

### *WRAP UP*

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The hope of forgiveness is something that everyone can experience. We must confess and repent and turn to Christ if we are to experience that true hope. That is the only way that we can know the hope of God and be at peace with Him. He loves us and desires to see us experience hope for the coming days and we do that through trusting in His Son Jesus.