

Message: Easter 2013 - Jesus: His Signature, Sign & Sword

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-21, Luke 2:34-35, Galatians 2:20

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1. At His Birth, Jesus' Signature Revealed Who He Was. Matthew 1:18-21

Matthew 1:21

²¹ *"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

1.1 We Cannot Manage Jesus

1.2 We Cannot Save Ourselves

2. Through His Life, People See A Sign Which Requires Them To Make A Choice. Luke 2:34

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³⁴ *And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed—"*

2.1 Jesus Is Repulsive In His Claim

2.2 Jesus Is Attractive In His Person

John Pollock

"When tired, He was not cross. He never seemed to hurry yet never was lazy. His happiness, His endurance, unselfishness and His peace of mind made every day a joy. Religious neighbors who boasted themselves as nearly perfect were insufferable, but Jesus made a delightful companion. Plainly, He felt the same pressures as His friends, yet always His reaction was right."

3. Through His Death, People Learn That Peace Is Always Preceded By A Sword.
Luke 2:35

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³⁴ *And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed—
³⁵ and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."*

J.C. Ryle

"When a person becomes a Christian, a new peace comes into his life, but at the same time a new fight always begins."

3.1 The Sword Of Repentance

3.2 The Sword Of Obedience

Fenelon

"Real peace comes when you see your own faults, faults neither hidden nor tolerated, and completely admit that you are wrong. When you do this you will learn to accept how frail and weak you are. You will have made progress toward trusting God simply because you no longer trust yourself.

God's peace will only be found when you set your self-seeking aside. When all you desire is God's glory and His will, you will know peace as deep as an ocean. Nothing can disturb that peace except holding back a part of your heart in fear."

4. Because Of His Resurrection, Life Begins For Us Now. Galatians 2:20

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*