

## **Matthew 1:18-25**

So many people today struggle with their identity... Who am I, we ask. It's a critical question because when you know, you feel like you matter and can make a difference.

Read Matthew 1: 18-25. Can you find the three names given to Joseph's son that help us identify him?

Paul makes this awesome prophecy about you in Romans 8:29, "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His son..." You are very unique and you have a predetermined call on your life to reflect Jesus. Let's look at that reflection.

He is called Jesus because He will save or rescue people from sin (Matt 1:21). Now read Galatians 6:1. Think about the people in your life right now. Who can you (without judgment, read Matt 7:1-5) help that is struggling with a worldly issue? Pray for that person right now, then go to them and ask them if you can help.

He is called Jesus Christ in Matt 1:18. Christ means Messiah. The Messiah was anointed by God to bring in and rule over the kingdom of God. This may take a while but get out a concordance (there is usually one in the back of your Bible) and look up the word kingdom. Read the scriptures and list ways that you can be a kingdom person.

He is called Immanuel in Matt 1:23. That means God is with us. Read Matt 28:20. What promise is given at the end of the verse? How does knowing that you will never be forsaken comfort you? Read John 17:20-23. Write down how you see the presence of God working through us.