



TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

Matthew 1:1-17 II The Mothers of Jesus II Walt Alexander

MAIN POINT: Jesus came down to open wide forever the way to God to all who believe.

1. Christmas is a wonderfully true story.

2. Christmas is for those who hate it most.

*The young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. **Joshua 6:23-25***

*The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. **Ruth 4:17***

3. Christmas is the beginning of the end of all sin & pain.

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. **Isaiah 9:6-7***

*I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered. I will feed them. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken. **Ezekiel 34:10-34***