**CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS 2024**

Please pray before you start on the following questions. Will you ask the Lord to prepare your heart for this Christmas season and to speak to you through the study of His Word? Please consider asking another person in Saltshakers to meet and go over your answers together.

 **Read Matthew 1:1-17.**

1. Why was it important for Matthew to give the genealogy of the Lord Jesus?
2. There were four women included in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. (It was highly unusual for a woman to be included in a Jewish genealogy, especially FOUR women!) Please name at least one fact about each woman and then tell why you think God included her.
	1. Tamar (Genesis 38)
	2. Rahab (Joshua 2 and 6:17)
	3. Ruth (Ruth 1; and 4:17)
	4. Wife of Uriah (2 Samuel 11)
3. With Question 2d in mind. give one reason why you think the name Uriah is mentioned in Matthew 1:6.
4. (With questions 2 and 3 in mind) What do you learn about God from this genealogy? (See Isaiah 55:8)

**READ Matthew 1:18-25.**

1. Give the two names given to Mary’s Son and give the meaning of each name.
2. What do these two names of Jesus mean to you on a daily basis?
3. What do you learn about the salvation Jesus offers from:
	1. Ephesians 2:5, 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	2. Acts 4:12\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	3. Hebrews 10:10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	4. Romans 8:1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	5. Romans 5:9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	6. Romans 6:23\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Tell what the word “saved” means to you.
5. Referring to the book of 1 John, what evidences that a person has truly been saved? (i.e.1 John 1:6-7; 1 John 2:3;1 John 2:9-10; 1 John 3:14; 1 John 4:7-8; 1 John 5:13)

 **Read Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:1-38.**

1. Of Whom was Jesus born besides Mary? (Give the verses)
2. What did Mary’s faith cost her?
3. What did Joseph’s faith cost him?
4. Give one fact from the following prophecies that was fulfilled in the birth of the Lord Jesus.
	1. Genesis 49:8-12\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	2. Isaiah 7:14\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	3. Isaiah 9:6-7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	4. Micah 5:2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	5. Jeremiah 33:15\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why do you think God inspired His prophets to write down these prophecies hundreds of years before the first coming of the Lord Jesus?
6. What should this tell us in regard to the prophecies about Jesus’ second coming?

 **Read Matthew 2.**

1. What lesson(s) did you learn about worship in Matthew 2?
2. Share verses and points that reveal God cares for His own.
3. a) What lessons about obeying His voice did you learn?

 b) How can you listen to God today?

**Read Luke 2:1-20.**

1. a) Who “missed Christmas” in the Luke passage? (give verse(s) and your reason)

 b) How can a person “miss” Christmas today?

1. a) Who experienced the first Christmas in the Luke passage? (give verse(s) and your reason)

 b) How can a person “experience” Christmas today?