

24 December 2017: Preached by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

**Topic: Born to Die**

Scripture text: Matthew 1:18-25

1. Jesus Christ was born to die in order to save sinners from eternal damnation. Jesus is eternal and is God even before the beginning of time. His birth and death was unlike any ordinary men. His birth was extraordinary and miraculous because
  - a. His place of birth in Bethlehem Ephrathah was foretold 710 years before His birth (Mic 5:2).
  - b. It was a virgin birth (Matt 1:18) and no man was involved. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - c. It was the birth of the Son of God (Matt 1:22-23).
  
2. Jesus Christ was born to save sinners through His life of suffering. He suffered humiliation from birth till His crucifixion on the cross, yet was sinless and obeyed the laws of God perfectly to earn the righteousness of God for sinners. He was our Representative man and we will be justified before God if we receive His imputed righteousness by faith.
  
3. Jesus Christ saved sinners through His substitutionary death on the cross and through His bodily resurrection on the third day after His death. By His death and resurrection, He conquered sin, death and hell on the behalf of sinners. Believers have the blessed hope of having a glorious body like Jesus Christ in Heaven.