



Our God of the Menial



The God of Lowly Beginnings



The Coming of the Messiah

- Joseph learns of the child Mary will bear – Mt. 1:20-23
 - The child is of the **Holy Spirit**
 - He will be named Jesus because he will **save his people from their sins**
 - He would be called Immanuel, or “**God with us**”
- **The most important event in history!**



The Birth of Christ

- Apparently born in a stable and had to be laid in a manger – Lk. 2:6-7
- Heralded by angels...but to shepherds in the field – Lk. 2:8-14
 - Peace and goodwill to mankind had come!
 - The **sign**? The Messiah and king would be **laying in a manger**
- Jesus' childhood was spent as the son of a carpenter, causing many to take offense at Him – Matt. 13:53-58



The God who washed feet



Jesus Washed His Disciples' Feet

- The foundation of this act—Jesus' **awareness** of his exalted position of authority and that he was God – Jn. 13:3-5
- So strange were Jesus' actions that Peter initially refused – 13:6-11
 - The greatness of the Messiah must not stoop to washing feet – 13:6-7
 - Peter's impetuosity turned to impertinence – 13:8
 - Peter submits, but **tells** the Lord how to wash him – 13:9-11



The Lesson to be Learned

- Jesus inquired whether they understood – 13:12
- As their teacher and Lord, acceptance of his instruction and example is required – 13:13-15
- The most important conclusion – 13:16-17
 - Note the importance of this lesson – 13:16
 - If your Master serves you in the most menial of ways, **so must you serve one another** – 13:16
 - Knowing and living this is where true blessedness, or happiness, in Christ and in life is found – 13:17



Exhortations and Reminders



As a Disciple and Servant of Christ...

- Begin looking for someone to give a “cup of water”
– Matt. 10:42
- Exaltation will come through humble service –
Matt. 23:11-12
- Know the value of the menial, everyday, caring
service—it is the standard by which we will be
judged – Matt. 25:31-40