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“High Expectations”
Matthew 1:18-25

I. Expectations to Be Forgiven Of Sins. (Matthew 1:21; John 1:29)
   A. Mankind has incurred a HUGE debt!
      1. Sin spread from generation to generation because of Adam’s sin.
      2. Sin has spread to every human being. (Romans 3:23)
   B. Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
      1. Jesus paid the bill for our debt. (Romans 6:23)
      2. He demonstrates His love for us by dying in our place. (Romans 5:8-9)
      3. In the Son there is redemption and forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)

II. Expectations To Live Differently. (Romans 6:4)
   A. We are called to live a new life in Christ.
      1. We are new creations in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
      2. God changes us from the inside out.
   B. The resurrection demands a changed life.
      1. The resurrection proves we can live a different life.
      2. We walk in the new life by faith in the Son. (Colossians 2:6)

III. Expectations For A Glorious Future. (Revelations 21:1-7)
   A. This will be a time of great expectation.
      1. The new heavens and new earth.
      2. The New Jerusalem will be a beautiful place of expectation and anticipation.
   B. This will be a GLORIUS Time.
      1. No more death, sorrow, or crying.
      2. No more pain.
      3. The Lord can be trusted to bring this to pass
      4. He is Alpha and Omega.

Conclusion:
   1. There’s high expectations surrounding the birth of Jesus.
   2. He came to die for sins so that we can have eternal life.