

**S.O.H.L.** (12/21/09)

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

## He is here!

**MATTHEW 1:18-25** NIV - (18) This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. (19) Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (20) But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (21) She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (22) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: (23) "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." (24) When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. (25) But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

God has written each of us into the Christmas story as we turn to Jesus – our Savior, Messiah and Lord.

My Christmas list is more than just a way to keep track of all the special people who have filled my life with love. It's like a treasured scrapbook filled with happy memories of all the times my life's been touched by friends and family. Every name's a touchstone that leads to a place and time, where God has used another's heart to reach out and touch mine. It may have happened years ago or even yesterday, but every person on my list has changed my life some way. Through simple conversation, a warm hug or a shared meal, every person on my list has helped me grow or heal, or laugh or love or learn or smile...the blessings never end as God allowed our paths to cross as family and friends. So please know this greeting is more than a Christmas wish. It's a heartfelt "thank you" to each person on my list. For each and every one whose name I've come to hold so dear, spreads Christmas joy into my life each day of the year.

On behalf of Sohlmeditations Weekly Meditation Ministries, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**MATTHEW 2:11**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**December 25. He is born, but know that there was never a time He didn't exist.**

