

“Not the When, But the Why”

Matthew 1:21

INTRODUCTION

- the history of the date of Jesus' birth

- why Jesus had to be born:

Mt. 1:21

1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Jn. 3:5; 4:14

1. Understanding sin and sinners

- what is sin?

1 Jn. 3:4

Rom. 2:14-15

- when is a person a “sinner”?

Ps. 51:5; 58:3

2. Understanding the seriousness of sin

- God's holiness: moral perfection

Deut. 32:4

- God's hatred of sin

Prov. 6:16-19

- God's hatred of sinners

Lev. 26:27-30; Ps. 11:5; 5:5-6

Ezk. 8:18; 9:5-6

- just an Old Testament characterization?

Rom. 1:18; 2:5; Jn. 3:36; Heb. 10:31

3. Understanding the greater depth of grace

Rom. 3:20-26