"Comfort & Joy"

Mt. 1:18-25

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INTRODUCTION

- what if Jesus had not been born?

- what if Jesus had not been raised from the dead?

    1 Cor. 15:12-19

    a.

    b.

    c.

    d.

    e.

1. The Babe who brings great comfort

- working backwards from 1 Cor. 15…

- the centrality of the virgin birth

2. The Babe who brings great joy

- the "Book of Emmanuel" (Is. 7-12)

- "virgin" *v.* "young girl"

    Is. 7:14

- His name shall be called…

    > Jesus

    > Emmanuel

    Jn. 14:8-9; 1:18

CONCLUSION

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His grace removes my slavish fears/ His blood removes my sins."
– Albert Barnes