THE **Signs** OF **Christmas** Matthew 1:18-25 **Sign of His Name and Title.**

1. Jesus came to fulfill the	
of His Name.	
1 Timohty 1:15, John 3:17, Matthew 21:9, Psalm 118:25	
2. Jesus came to be the	
Luke 2:26, John 6:69, Luke 4:41	

- A. The Messiah will end military conflict.
- Psalm 72:4, 1 Corinthians 15:25-26, Isaiah 2:4
- > The Messiah is chosen to remove the opportunity for and instruments of war and conflict.
- B. The Messiah will restore peace to creation.
- Genesis 3:17-19, Genesis 9:2, Romans 8:22, Revelation 21:1, Isaiah 11:6-9
- 3. Jesus came to ______ His people from their ______.
- A. By justifying us. Galatians 3:24
- > Justified. I stand before God guilty and condemned but He declares me righteous.

Justification is a word that simply means that our record is both "just as if we had never sinned" and also "just as if we had always obeyed." ~Elyse Fitzpatrick, Give Them Grace, page 46

- B. By redeeming us. Luke 1:68, Galatians 4:4-5
- > Redeemed. I stand before God as a slave, but He sets me free.
- C. By forgiving us. Ephesians 1:7-8, Colossians 2:13-14
- > Forgiven. I stand before God as guilty debtor, but He pays my debt and forgets it.

Jesus drinks the cup of God's wrath, a cup that has accumulated the fury of God against sins of all types. Heinous crimes, adultery, careless words, dishonoring thoughts, lies – all of it will be punished by God. This is the cup Jesus drinks on the cross. ~Steven Lee, April 7, 2014 article on desiringgod.org

- D. By adopting us. Galatians 4:4-5
- > Adopted. I stand before God as a stranger, but He makes me His son.
- E. By reconciling us. Ephesians 2:13, Colossians 1:21
- > Reconcile. I stand before God as an enemy, but He makes me a friend.

Reconciliation teaches something remarkable about the character of God: he befriends his enemies. He loves those who hate him. He offers peace to those who have waged war against him. Although he is the one who has been wronged, he is the one who makes things right. He does all this while the battle still rages. "When we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him by the death of his Son." (Rom. 5:10). ~James Montgomery Boice & Philip Graham Ryken The Heart of the Cross, page 148

F. By dying for us. Hebrews 9:22 ESV, Romans 5:8-10

What did God speak to me about from the sign of Jesus' Name and Title?