



Sermon Outline  
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## Messy World

Matthew 1-21b

*...you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

Question #1 -Which mess \_\_\_\_\_ you  
the\_\_\_\_\_?

- International Terrorism
- Anti-Christian sentiment
- Moral decay
- Collapsing economy
- Broken families

Sin is defined as something that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of God. Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ to God's  
commands, patterns, will, instruction. Sin is what  
makes the mess.

Question #2 -Who are the people, the organizations,  
the groups \_\_\_\_\_  
with the messes you make?

Jesus is His \_\_\_\_\_;

Christ is His \_\_\_\_\_;

Immanuel describes \_\_\_\_\_

--"God with us."

The creator God of the universe is in the business of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

There was a \_\_\_\_\_, an intelligent, purposeful  
origin. There is an \_\_\_\_\_. A designed, decisive  
conclusion. God, in his magnificent mystery, sees it all  
as though it were rolled out before him as a scroll as a  
single movement.

Colossians 1:15-17

*<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all  
creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in  
heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or  
powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him  
and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things  
hold together.*