Mt. Traveler Missionary Baptist Church, Waverly, Alabama Synopsis of Sermon Preached by Rev. B. C. Datiri, Pastor

WHO IS JESUS?

December 2, 2012

1. Born King of the Jews

Matthew 2:1–12

- 1. In this celebrative holiday season the key question to ask is: Who is Jesus? The response to this question will vary according to the faith, belief and/or religion of the individual answering it. To members of Mt Traveler I desire to challenge you to respond to this same question Who is Jesus?
- 2. When Christ was born into this world, people also struggled with his identity. So for this December 2012, we shall attempt to answer this question from the viewpoint of the four Gospel writers. We begin with Matthew who writes from the perspective of the Jews.
- 3. Matthew is the gospel written by a Jew to Jews about a Jew. The author is Matthew, the readers are the Jews his countrymen, and it is about Jesus Christ. Matthew presents Jesus as the King of the Jews, the long-awaited Messiah who was to come and liberate the Jews from the Roman rule. Matthew carefully selected series of Old testament quotations to document Jesus Christ's claim to be the Messiah as His genealogy, baptism, messages, and miracles all point out to the same indisputable conclusion that Christ is King! Even His death which initially appeared as defeat was turned to victory by His resurrection and the message echoed loud and clear: the King of the Jews lives. However, we begin this series to answer the question who Jesus is with Matthews' assertion in his writing that Jesus was Born King of the Jews.
- 4. Thus our text for today reads, "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel (Micah 5:2,4)." 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route" (Matthew 2:1-12).
- 5. Mt Traveler members, as we conclude this sermon please allow me to summarize this sermon as follows:
 - According to Matthew, Jesus was born "King of the Jews".
 - The Magi came to look for Jesus, the One who has been Born King of the Jews with a purpose to worship Him.
 - His star led the Magi to where He was born and when they found Him they worshipped Him.

- Their gift during their worship were quite significant:
 - o Gold for He was King
 - o Frankincense for He was Prophet and Priest
 - O Myrrh for He came to die for the redemption of mankind
- Herod the king of the Jews at the time He was born was jealous of the news of His birth and planned to destroy Him once the Magi found out where Jesus was.
- God warned the Magi not to go back to Herod and they were obedient to God as they returned to their country by another route. And let the church say, "Amen!"
- 6. So if you desire to know the One who was Born King of the Jews but who came to die for the redemption of all mankind, we invite you to come, repent, and humbly accept Jesus Christ into your heart and life by faith. Then confess with your mouth your faith in Him that He died and rose again to save you from your sin through the shedding of His blood on Calvary, and you will be saved as well as become part of God's family and kingdom. Then live to please God by faith. May God bless you as you humbly come to Him while the Choir leads us in a song?

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WHO IS JESUS?

December 9, 2012

2. Born Son of Man to Serve

Matthew 2:1–12

Intro: Who is Jesus the Christ to You– His grace during my losses

- 1. When the bottom falls out
- 2. Life Ransom for all Paid in full
 - 1. Past, Present, and Future Sins
 - 2. Shelter in a time of storm, Pavilion, Fortress
 - 3. Anchor in uncharted waters, Provider when I'm Hungry
 - 4. Protector, Shield, Way maker, My Light in darkness
 - 5. My speaker, Counselor, Lawyer, Doctor, Teacher,
 - 6. Mother & Father, Friend
 - 7. Savior, Lord of my life, My King, My Everything
- 1. Jesus wants us to serve him faithfully, Mark 1:14-20
 - A. Commit to Christ
 - B. Simon & Andrew Fishers of men
 - C. James & John Left father and nets
- 2. Jesus has authority over evil, Mark 1:21-28
 - 1. Cast out devils
 - 2. The devil tricks do not change Temptation, Sin, & Separation

- A. Resist the devil & he will flee
- B. Sin clouds thinking and judgment Pride prevents wise counsel
- C. How can you have a peace quenching the spirit of God
- 3. Jesus healed the Sick, Mark 1: 29-34
 - 1. Healed Simons Mother in Law
- 4. Jesus preached, Mark 1:35-39
 - 1. Strongest Gospel message comes from you not pulpit
 - 2. How do you live your life? Does your light shine
 - 3. Do you take care of church family, job, your family
 - 4. Are we fruitful in our Christian walk?
 - A. Unforgiveness, selfishness, anger
- 5. What Jesus went through at cavalry?
 - 1. Obedient Came from heaven down through 42 generations
 - 2. Servant Healed sick and helped while on earth
 - 3. Crucified on Cross and did no wrong
 - 4. Rose with all power and took the sting out of death
 - 5. Left us a comforter called the Holy Spirit
 - 6. His blood cleanses us from all unrighteousness
 - 7. He made us a promise and we have a intercessor
 - 8. He sits at Gods right hand
 - 9. Final report to be well done my good & faithful servant.

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WHO IS JESUS?

<u>December 16, 2012</u> 3. Born Son of Man to Seek and Save the Lost <u>Luke 19:10; 2:1-7; 4:14-19</u>

- In this celebrative spirit of Christmas we ask the imperative question: Who is Jesus? The response to this question varies according to the faith, belief and/or religion of the individual answering it. Members of Mt Traveler I challenge you to respond to this same question Who is Jesus?
- 2. When Christ was born into this world, people also struggled with his identity. This December 2012, we shall attempt from the viewpoint of the four Gospel writers to answer this question, "who is Jesus"? Matthews' assertion in his writing is that Jesus was Born King of the Jews. Mark response in his writings is that Jesus is "Born Son of Man to Serve" and the execution of His assignments were attained with urgency. Today, Dr. Luke from a historical perspective and asserted that Jesus was "Born Son of Man to Seek and Save the Lost".

- 3. Thus our text for today reads, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Ouirinius was governor of Svria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told" (Luke 2:1-20). "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. 16 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:14-19).
- 4. Mt Traveler members, as we conclude this sermon please allow me to summarize this sermon as follows:
 - According to Luke, Jesus was "Born Son of Man to Seek and Save the Lost".
 - Jesus was born in a lowly estate, in a manger because there was no room for in the inn. I hope He can find room in your heart.
 - The significant of shepherds cannot be overlooked because sheep have a propensity to get lost.
 - The presence of angels and the heavenly host worshipping at His birth indicates the uniqueness of this "Son of Man Born to seek and save the lost"
 - The presence of the Spirit on him and in His ministry is evidence that He was the Messiah, the anointed one of Israel and the whole world to:
 - o Proclaim good news to the poor
 - o Proclaim freedom for the prisoners

- o Proclaim recovery of sight for the blind
- o Set the oppressed free
- o Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
- For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. And let the church say, "Amen!"
- 5. So if you desire to know the One who was Born Son of Man to Seek and Save the Lost, we invite you to come, repent, and humbly accept Jesus Christ into your heart and life by faith. I hope He will find room in your heart today! Then confess with your mouth your faith in Him that He died and rose again to save you from your sin through the shedding of His blood on Calvary, and you will be saved as well as become part of God's family and kingdom. May God bless you as you humbly open your heart to provide Him room as you accept Him as your Lord and savior while the Choir leads us in a song?

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Synopsis of Sermon Preached by Rev. R. D. Jacobs, Evangelist

WHO IS JESUS?

<u>December 23, 2012</u> <u>4. Born in the Flesh reflecting His Deity</u> <u>John 1:1-14</u>

The Gospel writers answer the question, "Who Jesus Is". Matthew described Him as "Born King of the Jews", Mark describes Him as "Born Son of Man to Serve", and Luke describes Him as "Born Son of Man to Seek and Save the lost". John answers the question by saying that "Jesus is God born in the Flesh reflecting His Deity". The answer that Jesus is God, is one that many disagree with, but John proves His Deity in verses 1-14 of his First Chapter.

The key verse is vs.14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth". In this verse, the Greek translation of "and the Word was <u>made flesh"</u> is "and the Word was <u>Incarnated</u>". Incarnation is defined as God becoming Human, taking on human flesh, the perfect union of Divinity and Humanity in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. So the "Word" that John is referring to in vs.14 is Jesus of Nazareth the only begotten of the Father. Verse 1-3 says that, "In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the Beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made". Or In the Beginning was Jesus, and Jesus was with God, and Jesus was God. Since God was not a creation nor had an origin (because He has always been) we see that in the Beginning He was the Creator. As

the Bible tells us in the Beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth. He also created man, because "in Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men" (John 1:3) The Bible tells us that man sinned against God. To reveal Redemption and Salvation to lost man God revealed himself to Humanity by becoming human. By leaving Divinity and coming to humanity by being Incarnated in human flesh, He made Salvation and Redemption possible for man.

John shows us 5 things that prove the Deity of Jesus Christ as God.

1. Jesus shares the Honor of God

In John 1:1, John does not only give Jesus (the Word) the honor of being from the beginning or the honor of being with God but he gives him the honor of Being God! "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God". (John 1:1) In John 1:15, John the Baptist speaks of Jesus by saying, "He who comes after me is preferred before me: for he was before me". "The same was in the beginning with God". (John 1:2)

2. Jesus shares the Attributes of God

In John 1:14 three attributes are mentioned Glory, Grace, and Truth. Attributes only accredited to God are given to Jesus Christ. "(and we beheld his Glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth". The word "Glory" is described as the weighty importance and shining majesty that accompany God's presence. John, the writer, knows that only God is worthy of Honor and Praise. He then uses the word "Grace". Grace is unmerited, undeserved, unearned favor that man receives from only God. And he says that Jesus was also full of Truth, for there is only one that is full of Truth and that is God.

3. Jesus shares the Names of God.

Before Christ was to be born, and angel appeared to his mother and told her that her son would be called Emmanuel, meaning God with us. (Matthew 1:23) Our writer John was familiar with the old Testament-the law of Moses and how God revealed himself to Moses as "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14) So it must have been so convincing and confirming for John to write the 7 "I AM" statements of Jesus Christ later in his Gospel.

- 1. John 6:35 "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never go hungry and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."
- 2. John 8:12 "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but he will have the Light of life."
- 3. John 10:9 "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture."
- 4. John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
- 5. John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die."
- 6. John 14:6 "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- 7. John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing."

4. Jesus shares the Deeds of God

John helps us understand that Jesus participated in Creation at the beginning. In John 1:3 it says, "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made". John 1:10 says, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not". Not only did he share in the deeds of creation, but the one sent from God that was crying in the wilderness (John 1:6-8) John the Baptist, learned that he shared other miraculous deeds of God. When John was imprisoned he heard of the works of Christ, he sent to ask if he was the one or if he should look for another. Jesus sent His deeds back. "Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." (Matthew 11:1-6) Jesus responds with deeds that belong only to God.

5. Jesus shares the Seat of God

Because Jesus shares the Honor, Attributes, Names, and Deeds of God he shares the Seat or position, place, and throne of God. John helps us see Jesus' deity as God.

By being Incarnated, coming in the form of human flesh and blood, Jesus proved two things to us: 1. That it is possible to Love God and man in this human body. 2. That Redemption and Salvation is available in this human body.

- 1. Jesus proved that it is possible to Love God and Please God in this human body. He proved that it is possible to Love God completely and to love each other as much as we love ourselves. He proved that it is possible to please God in this human body. Some would say, "Yea, Jesus is God, he was suppose to be perfect". But, Jesus was 100% God (Divinity) and 100% Man (Humanity) and did not "cheat" in anyway. He felt the same feelings that we feel as Humans. He felt weary, tiredness, and stress. He felt as we feel and went through like temptations as we do. He showed us that it is possible in this human body to please God and love others despite the situations.
- 2. By being born in human flesh and dying Jesus completed Redemption and made Salvation possible for us in these human bodies. It was not enough just for Him to be born in the flesh, but he had to die for our sins to complete our Redemption and make Salvation possible. So as much as we celebrate his birth at Christmas we must also celebrate his death and resurrection! By being resurrected from the dead Jesus proved his Deity as God!

The Question then is "Who is Jesus to you?" Do you know him as your God? Your personal Savior? Is he the King of your Life? Have you accepted him as the Redeemer of your life?

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WHO IS JESUS?

<u>December 25, 2012</u>

Salute the New Born King and Savior

Matthew 2:9–12

- 1. In this celebrative holiday season we have come this morning to salute He who was born King and savior. Who is He? He is Jesus Christ the New Born King and Savior. How do you salute a King as well as a savior? On most occasions we celebrate those who have acted courageously to save people from horrific situation as heroes. The response to these heroes is adoration, respect and worship. If this is how we approach heroes, how should we approach He who is born King and Savior? Actually, Matthew suggests in his writing of the gospel of Matthew that Jesus was born King, prophet and priest. If this is the case how do we salute He who is King, Prophet and Priest? Knowing that Jesus is no ordinary King, Prophet or Priest, how should we salute and celebrate His birthday?
- 2. Christmas is the commemoration of the birthday of Jesus Christ. How should we celebrate it? How do we celebrate the birthday of important people, celebrities and stars? Don't we feast and bring them memorable gifts? When Jesus was born, Magi (wise men) came from the East to celebrate this occasion of He who was born King (at that time all they knew was "King of the Jews" because of the territory where he was born). Those

who are wise men still seek Jesus today! The Magi came to celebrate this important personality and did so through worship and presentation of unique gifts. Of course whenever we celebrate a birthday, it is the celebrant (one who has the birthday) that gets all the gifts. Unfortunately, each year when we celebrate Christmas, it is "us" who get gifts while Jesus Christ whose birthday we are celebrating at Christmas almost always hardly receives any special gifts from us! The Magi however teach us how we ought to salute He who is born King and savior through the unique gifts they brought to Jesus. Do not allow others, even "king" to stop you from your purpose of saluting Jesus your King and Savior through your worship. Rather let your conscience lead you to where you can find Jesus Christ so as to worship Him as your King and savior.

- 3. Thus our text for today reads, "When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way" (Matthew 2:9–12).
- 4. Mt Traveler members, as we conclude this sermon please allow me to summarize it sermon as follows:
 - Celebrities garner much attention when they celebrate their birthdays.
 - Jesus was born "King and savior" qualifying him to have more status than any ordinary star or celebrity, yet he does not get the gifts and attention that these celebrities get.
 - But the Magi (wise men) came to seek for Jesus, the One who has been Born King of the Jews with a purpose to salute Him through worship.
 - His star led the Magi to where He was born and when they found Him they worshipped Him and offered their unique gifts.
 - Their gifts during their worship were quite significant:
 - o Gold for He was King
 - o Frankincense for He was Prophet and Priest
 - O Myrrh for He came to die for the redemption of mankind
 - O What gifts did you bring today to worship your King and savior?
 - Herod the king of the Jews at the time Jesus Christ was born was jealous of the news of His birth and planned to destroy Him once the Magi found out where Jesus was.
 - God warned the Magi not to go back to Herod and they were obedient to God as they returned to their country by another route. You too cannot return home today through the route of wickedness but rather through the way of righteousness because you now know Him who was born King and savior. And let the church say, "Amen!"
- 5. On this Christmas Day 2012, how have you come to salute the King and savior of the world? Do you actually know Him as you King, Lord and savior? If not do you desire to know Him? If so, we invite you to come, repent, and humbly accept Jesus Christ into your heart and life by faith, because the unique gift you can offer Him is yourself by opening the door of your heart for Him to come in. Then confess with your mouth your faith in Him that He died and rose again to save you from your sin through the shedding of His blood

on Calvary, and you will be saved as well as become part of God's family and kingdom. Then live in newness of life by faith so as to please God. May God bless you as you humbly come to Him while the Choir leads us in a song?

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WHO IS JESUS?

December 30, 2012 5. Born to be God with Us and Savior of the World

Matthew 1:18-25

- 1. In this celebrative spirit of Christmas we ask the imperative question: Who is Jesus? The response to this question varies according to the faith, belief and/or religion of the individual answering it. Members of Mt Traveler I challenge you to respond to this same question Who is Jesus?
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- 3. Thus our text for today reads, "This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet[e] 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 conceive and 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 did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus" (Matthew 1:18-25).
- 4. Mt Traveler members, as we conclude this sermon series please allow me to summarize as follows. Who is Jesus? He is both God and Man:
 - Born King of the Jews but also Prophet and Priest.
 - Born Son of Man to Serve.
 - Born Son of Man to Seek and Save the Lost
 - Born in the Flesh Reflecting His Deity.
 - Born to be God with Us and Savior of the World.
 - And let the church say, "Amen!"

5. The questions to answer are do you know Him and is He your personal Lord and savior? Also is He with you? If not, we invite you to come, repent, and humbly accept Jesus Christ into your heart and life by faith. I hope He will find room in your heart today! Then confess with your mouth your faith in Him that He died and rose again to save you from your sin through the shedding of His blood on Calvary, and you will be saved as well as become part of God's family and kingdom. May God bless you as you humbly open your heart to provide Him room as you accept Him as your Lord and savior while the Praise Team leads us in a song?

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