Introduction
Matthew’s purpose in writing his gospel is to show us that Jesus is the promised Messiah, the King of Israel.
What stands out in his gospel is the uniqueness of Jesus.

“*This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.*”
Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph.
When it became apparent that Mary was pregnant, Joseph could not in good conscience marry her.

God gave to Joseph the light he needed at just the right time.
“*Don’t be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.*”
Why is the virgin birth important?
- The virgin birth points to the divine nature of Jesus.
- The virgin birth speaks of one person in who is united full deity and full humanity.
- The virgin birth signals Jesus’ true humanity without inherited sin.
- The virgin birth is the beginning stage of the redemption of humanity from the effects of sin. Michael J. Wilkins

II. JESUS is unique in his mission.
MATTHEW 1:21

“*You are to give him the name Jesus.*”
Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Yeshua or Joshua. It means the Lord saves.
His name reflects his mission. God knew that our deepest need was spiritual. It was our sin that separated us from God and so he sent us a Savior.

III. JESUS is unique in his person.
MATTHEW 1:22-25

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.”
This is the first of at least 47 references in the OT that Matthew applies to Jesus.
Matthew is asking us to believe something incredible happened that night. God became a man.

It is so incredible that either it is true and everything makes sense or it is false and nothing makes sense. Jesus is Immanuel – God with us.
God entered our world as a tiny baby to save us from our sins.
That’s what Christmas is all about.
That’s why he came.
Conclusion

What a wonderful list of names we have for Jesus! He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega, the Ancient of Days. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the Anointed One, the Messiah. He is our Prophet, Priest and King. He is our Savior, the only wise God. He is our Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. He is the Lord, the Almighty...but above all, he is Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. James M. Boice

“How should we respond to Jesus?”

• Faith – like Mary who believed what the angel told her.
• Obedience – like Joseph who did what God asked him.
• Worship – like the Wise Men who came to Jesus and worshiped him.

“And he is with us always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20