**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Matthew 1

**SINGING:** 284:1-2, 4-40:5-6-240:1, 3, 4-448:4-425:3-6

## THE LORD'S PERSONAL NAME JESUS

I. What does this Name mean? II. How is this Name illustrated?

## I. WHAT DOES THIS NAME MEAN?

- A. Names in Bible are always revelation or messages
  - 1. some examples of human names given by God or parents
  - 2. Names given to God are always true to His character or work
- B. Why was the Lord given the name Jesus?
  - 1. Because His Name describes His personal work: be the Savior
- C. The name Jesus reveals an encouraging tiding
  - 1. Note what it doesn't say
  - 2. Note what it does say
    - a. His people
    - b. from their sins
    - c. save them
  - 3. Why and how do we need saving?
    - a. because privileged *position* doesn't change spiritual *condition* 
      - still guilty in Adam born as children of wrath
      - still need to be saved from our personal sin though we have been saved from much sin in the world
  - 4. How does Jesus save His people from their sins?
    - a. He saves people from the guilty of their sin
    - b. He saves from dominion of blinding and binding power of sin
    - c. He saves from presence of sin
- D. To you the alluring message in this hopeful revelation of His Name?

## II. HOW IS THIS NAME ILLUSTRATED?

- A. Matthew's genealogy is unusual in Jewish culture
- B. What is unusual about this genealogy of Lord of glory/Savior?
  - 1. It includes names of women
  - 2. It includes names of Jew and Gentiles
  - 3. It includes names of only black and blacker sinners

## FINAL REFLECTIONS ...

- A. Are you still thinking I am excluded from "His people?"
- B. Are you rightly weighing the importance of carrying the Name of God?