

"The Birth of Births"
Matthew 1:18-25
Sunday Morning December 25, 2022

Matthew 1:21 Notice that it says "**She (Mary) will bear a Son**"; Notice that **S-Son** is capitalized because this Son was no ordinary son, but the Son of God!

Jesus – "Savior" for He will save His people from their sins."

The Theme of The Gospel of Matthew is "**Jesus Christ The King**" The real Jesus is the Rightful King of the Jews, is also the Son of God.

Thought Of Our Passage: "No Birth Like The Birth Of Jesus When God Took On Human Flesh And Became One Of Us"

- 1. Verses 18-20 God Became Flesh**
- 2. Verse 21 God Saves Sinners**
- 3. Verses 22-25 God With Us**

1. Verses 18-20 God Became Flesh:

Matthew 1:18 Now – Marks a change in Matthew's account of the truth about the King. **Matthew 1:1-17** The genealogy of the King. Must be the rightful one.

Matthew 1:16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, Joseph – was the legal foster-father of Jesus. Matthew starts with Abraham and traces the blood line that leads to Joseph. This is the kingly (Royal) line.

the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. details of the birth of the king.

Jesus Christ When we say this name Christ, it is not Jesus' last name.

Jesus comes from the name **Joshua**, which means "*Jehovah is salvation*" The word **Christ** means "*anointed*"; it is the Greek equivalent of Messiah. He is "Jesus the Messiah" **Immanuel** describes who He is—"God with us" Jesus Christ is God! We find this name "**Immanuel**" in **Isaiah 7:14; 8:8**

Jesus – The Son of God's name identifying Him with Humanity.

Christ – "*Anointed One, Messiah*" **Christ** is His official title.

when His mother Mary, was the "*Mother of Jesus,*" not "*Mother of God.*"

had been betrothed to Joseph, marriages in the East were prearranged

3 Stages To A Jewish Marriage:

- 1. Engagement:** A contract is made between families.
- 2. Betrothal:** couples signed a legal document broken by divorce.
- 3. Marriage Proper: before they came together**

Conceived By The Holy Spirit; she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

What made all the difference is "The Virgin Birth!" (God's method by which God would become man)

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, Isaiah 7:14

Luke 1:26-35 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; That Mary would conceive of the Holy Spirit.

overshadow – the word "*describes God's presence in the sanctuary*" speaks of a conscience experience.

John 3:6; 1 John 5:1

and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God. Because Mary conceived of the Holy Spirit Jesus was **not only the Son of Man but the Son of God. 1 Timothy 3:16**

Matthew 1:19 And Joseph – "*to act or add*" This man lived up to his name.

her husband, being a righteous man, "*used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God*"

and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. Mary being pregnant out of wedlock was a sin, it was disgraceful, and not honorable.

Matthew 1:20 But when he had considered this, Joseph had been told through Mary, and Mary was saying that she was with child by the Holy Spirit.

behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream,

Angels – God uses angels. **Hebrews 1:14**

Kingly Lineage Of Jesus: saying, "Joseph, son of David, He is wanting him to see the connections of his lineage and the Holy Spirit.

**Deity Confirmed By An Angel: do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
(Isaiah 7:14)**

2. Verse 21 God Saves Sinners:

Matthew 1:21 and you shall call His name Jesus, We notice that Joseph did not give the baby His name; Because he was not the father.

"you shall call his name" four times in Scripture. God chooses the name of four sons:

1. Ishmael: Genesis 16:11 Ishmael – means "*God will hear*" This name was to remind Hagar that God heard her and helped her in her hour of great need.

2. Isaac: This was Abraham's second son.

Genesis 17:19 Isaac – "*Laughter*" This was to remind Abraham and Sarah how they had laughed at the promise of God, Abraham in joy and Sarah in unbelief.

Ishmael – This first son who was named by God, represents the flesh.

Isaac – He represents the Spirit. He was born of Abraham's and Sarah's faith in God.

3. John The Baptist: Luke 1:13 John – "*God is gracious*"

4. Jesus: Matthew 1:21 Jesus comes from the name **Joshua**, which means "*Jehovah is salvation*"

for He will save His people from their sins." This simple statement makes clear the mission of Jesus Christ is the forgiveness of sins.

Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8

3. Verses 22-25 God With Us:

Matthew 1:22

Jesus Confirmed Through Scriptures: to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The words of Isaiah were really God's Word and message.

to fulfill what was spoken Several hundred prophecies from the OT that were written over a period of a 1000 years.

Matthew 1:23 Isaiah 7:14

IMMANUEL - "GOD WITH US" Of all the names given to Jesus this must be the most encouraging word.

God with us - That life is much too difficult for anyone.

God like us - to identify with us. He would be tempted in all manner as man, yet He would be perfect.

Hebrews 2:17-18

Matthew 1:24 Joseph's Obedience Was Immediate - And Joseph awoke from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him,

Joseph's Obedience Was Complete - and took Mary as his wife,

Matthew 1:25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son;

Matthew 12:46 brothers; Matthew 13:55-56 brothers, His sisters, Mark 3:31-32 His brothers; Luke 8:19-20 and brothers; John 7:3-5 His brothers

Epistles of **James** and **Jude were written by the brothers of Jesus.**

and he called His name Jesus. Obedience to God the Father Naming His Son.

Philippians 2:10-11

Application:

- 1.** The Virgin Birth Is Important Because... If Mary and Joseph are the parents of Jesus then Jesus is not God but a man and if He is a man we cannot be forgiven of our sins because our sin is against God and only God can forgive sin.
- 2.** The Virgin Birth Is God's Method By Which God Would Become Man: Jesus Was Born To Die For Us.
- 3.** God Declares Mankind Is Lost. God's Remedy Is Jesus, Which Means "*Jehovah Is Salvation*" All Are In Need Of Salvation.
- 4.** God Knew That Life Is Too Demanding, So God Sent Us IMMANUEL, Which Means, "GOD WITH US" **Romans 3:23; John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9-10**