

“Christ Of Christmas” Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew 1:21 "And 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 - is the Greek form of the Hebrew name "*Joshua.*" Both mean "*the Lord is Salvation*"

The Gospel of Matthew Presents "**Jesus Christ The King**"

That the real Jesus was the rightful King of Israel, and He was The Son of God.

1. Verses 18-20 Jesus - Our Savior
2. Verse 21 Jesus - Our Redeemer
3. Verses 22-25 Jesus - God With Us

1. Verses 18-20 Jesus - Our Savior

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. His right to Israel’s throne.

Matthew 1:16 and to Jacob was born Joseph the husband of Mary,

Joseph – was the legal foster-father of Jesus. **Matthew’s** Gospel starts with Abraham and traces the bloodline that leads to Joseph. This is the Kingly (Royal) line of Jesus. The king has to have the right by birth.

the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. What Matthew wants to do is give to us the details of the birth of the King.

Jesus comes from the name **Joshua**, which means "*Jehovah is salvation*" "*the Lord is Salvation*"

The word **Christ** means "*anointed*" it is the Greek equivalent of Messiah. He is "*Jesus the Messiah*"

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 the "*Mother of God*"

had been betrothed to Joseph, Marriages in the East were prearranged marriage. Sometimes they were arranged before the child was even born.

Betrothed - This is similar to the engagement stage except that couples signed a legal document that could only be broken by divorce.

Conceived By The Holy Spirit: she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. She was found to be pregnant before they were pronounced a married couple. Note how this took place, **with child by the Holy Spirit.**

"The Virgin Birth!" (God's method by which God would become flesh)

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, that is how it came about.

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

Why Is The Virgin Birth So 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 only God can forgive. **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.**

Jesus was all God as if He were not man, Jesus was all man as if He were not God. He was fully God and fully man. Perfect God man! 1 Timothy 3:16

Matthew 1:19 And Joseph – "to act or add" her husband, Joseph lived up to his name.

being a righteous man, "*used of him whose way of thinking, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God*" He was a man who lived his life in God consciousness.

and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly. Because being pregnant out of wedlock was a sin, it was disgraceful, and not honorable.

Matthew 1:20 But when he had considered this, The fact that Joseph was a righteous man, he was a man of faith; he was one that was open to the Word of God.

Angels – Are ministering spirits. There are good and evil. God uses angels.
Hebrews 1:14

saying, "Joseph, son of David, Notice what God is communicating to Joseph, that he is of the kingly line of David!

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

2. Verse 21 Jesus - Our Redeemer

Matthew 1:21 "And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, In Bible times it was the father that would give the child its name. We notice that Joseph did not give the baby his name because he was not the father.

Jesus – and you shall call His name Jesus, Jesus comes from the name **Joshua**, which means "*the Lord is Salvation*"

for it is He who will save His people from their sins." This simple statement makes clear the mission of Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins.
Redeemed us – to purchase us Ephesians 1:7

3. Verses 22-25 Jesus - God With Us

Matthew 1:22

Jesus Confirmed By The Scriptures: spoken by the Lord through the prophet (Isaiah 7:14) The words of Isaiah were God's Word's and message.

might be fulfilled, Several hundred prophecies from the OT that were written over a period of a 1000 years.

Matthew 1:23 Isaiah 7:14

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

God Who Was With Us Was Made Like Us - To identify with us. He would be tempted in all manners as a man, yet, He would be perfect.
Hebrews 2:17

Matthew 1:24

Joseph's Obedience Was Immediate - And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him,

Joseph Obedience Was Complete - and took her as his wife,

Matthew 1:25 and he called His name Jesus. *"the Lord is Salvation"*

Application:

1. The Virgin Birth Is Important: Because If Mary And Joseph Are The Parents Of Jesus, Jesus Is Not God But A Man, If Jesus Is A Man We Cannot Be Forgiven Of Our Sins Because Only God Can Forgive Sin.
2. The Virgin Birth Was God's Method By Which God Would Become Man.
3. God Declares Mankind Lost. God's Remedy Is Jesus, Which Means "*Jehovah Is Salvation*".
4. God Knew Life To Be So Demanding, So God Sent Us IMMANUEL, Which Means, "GOD WITH US".