

The Virgin Birth

Matthew 1:18-25

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Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

1. Isaiah was written _____ years before Jesus and contains about _____ prophecies about Him!

2. Jesus' _____ was a miraculous sign.

3. The Virgin Birth is directly related to who you think _____ is.

4. The Virgin Birth shows us that Christ is _____.

5. The Virgin Birth means that Jesus is _____.

6. The Virgin Birth means that Jesus is the _____ for us.

7. The Virgin Birth means that Jesus is our _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. What was your biggest takeaway from this teaching?
2. What's your favorite, unexpected detail in the Christmas story?
3. How might you have responded in Mary or Joseph's situation?
4. Why is it so important that no other person on earth, besides Jesus, has ever been physically fathered by the Holy Spirit (God)?
5. Why was it important for Jesus to become like us and be born as a baby?
6. In theological terms, why is the Incarnation crucial to the Gospel message?
7. How have you experienced "God with us" in a personal, present way?
8. Pray for one another.

Next Week's Message: "Immanuel" Series - Part Two