

“The Miraculous Birth of Jesus”

Matthew 1:18-25

May 21, 2023

- 1. The Explanation of the Virgin Birth – 18-20**
- 2. The Reason for the Virgin Birth – 21**
- 3. The Fulfillment of Old Testament Prophecy of the Virgin Birth – 22-23**
- 4. The Reaction to the Virgin Birth – 24-25**

Next week: Acts 8:26-40

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others?

1. What stood out to you in the sermon?
2. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
3. What was the most momentous event in human history?
4. Why shouldn't Matthew's account of Jesus' virgin birth/conception surprise you?
5. What does it mean that Mary "had been betrothed to Joseph"?
6. What does it mean that Joseph was a "just man"?
7. Joseph was "unwilling to put Mary to shame". But because he didn't want to put Mary to shame, he made a bad decision. The Lord spoke to him and told him to take the right course of action. What was the right course of action?
8. Why is the doctrine of the virgin conception/birth important?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord.

1. Joseph thought he made the best decision when he decided to "divorce" Mary. The Lord intervened and explained to him the right decision. When you make a bad decision, are you open to the Lord showing you the right decision? Apply Proverbs 3:5-6 to your life.
2. God told Joseph to not be afraid of doing the right thing. Are you ever afraid of doing what know is the right thing to do? What steps can you take to not be afraid?
3. Has Jesus saved you from your sins?
4. Do you ever think that God is not with you? If you are a child of God, is it ever true that God is not with you?
5. Joseph exercised self-control. Do you need to exercise more self-control? How can you improve in self-control?
6. Joseph and Mary submitted to their Heavenly Father's plan? Do you submit to His plan for you?
7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?