



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Matthew 1:18-21(NAS)

“The Virgin Birth”

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- 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.
- 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.
- 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of 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."

I. THE MESSIAH'S KINGLY CREDENTIALS

A. His Genealogy Tracing Back To David

1. From his adopted father
2. From his mother Luke 3

B. His Supernatural Birth

1. There had been no sexual relationship between Mary and Joseph
2. Mary had not been with any man
3. Mary was a virgin impregnated by the power of the Holy Spirit
4. Jesus was the Lord of Glory *Matthew 22:42-46*

II. THE VIRGIN A FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH OF CHRISTIANITY

- A. Many Heresies Have Sought To Deny This Truth
- B. Without The Virgin Birth We Do Not Have A Sinless Savior
- C. The Scriptures Clearly Confirm The Virgin Birth

III. BACKGROUND ON MARY

- A. Her Father Was Eli
- B. She Had A Cousin, Elizabeth

- C. She Was A Godly Young Woman *Luke 1:46-56*

IV. BACKGROUND ON JOSEPH

- A. Limited Knowledge
- B. He Was Addressed As The Son Of David
- C. He Was A Righteous Man *John 19:25*
- D. His Actions Were Governed By Grace

V. THE MIRACLE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

- A. Our Faith Teaches Us To Believe God Spoke The World Into Existence
- B. How Difficult Is The Virgin Birth For God?