



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Matthew 1:20-25 (NAS)

“The Miraculous Birth”

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- 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."
- 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
- 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."
- 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife,
- 25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

### **I. THE CHARGE GIVEN TO JOSEPH**

- A. He Was To Take Mary As His Wife *Hosea 1:2*
- B. He Was To Believe Her Pregnancy Was A Miraculous Conception
- C. He Was To Believe The Child Was To Be The Savior

### **II. MARY'S PREGNANCY**

- A. A Supernatural Conception
  - 1. Not by ordinary generation
  - 2. A virgin birth *Romans 3:23; 3:12*
  - 3. A miracle to provide a just salvation

### **III. A SON TO BE BORN**

- A. A Cause For Celebration
- B. His People Are The Reason For His Coming *Ephesians 1:4-6; Luke 19:10*
- C. An Event Planned Long Ago

### **IV. JOSEPH'S RESPONSE**

- A. He Believed
- B. He Acted In Obedience
  - 1. He took Mary as his wife
  - 2. He kept her a virgin
  - 3. He named his first child, Jesus