

Jesus' Divine Birth: Unusual Events

Mathew 01:18–24

(Lk. 01:26-28; 02:01-07)

<p>1. <i>His birth was of the Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>2. <i>His birth created a predicament</i></p> <p>a. Mary's predicament: She was pregnant before marriage</p> <p>b. Joseph's predicament: How to deal with Mary</p> <p>1) His character: A righteous man</p> <p>2) His solution: Not to expose Mary</p> <p>3. <i>His birth necessitated a special revelation from God</i></p> <p>a. God gave assurance</p> <p>1) Joseph was chosen</p> <p>2) Joseph was not to fear</p> <p>b. God guided: Joseph was to take Mary as His wife</p> <p>c. God explained: The child is of the Spirit</p> <p>d. God revealed the child's destiny</p> <p>1) His name: Jesus</p> <p>2) His mission: To save</p>	<p>18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.</p> <p>20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."</p>
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<p>4. <i>His birth was a fulfillment of prophecy, Isa 07:14</i></p> <p>a. Predicting His virgin birth</p> <p>b. Predicting His name: Emmanuel, God with us</p> <p>5. <i>His birth stirred a great obedience within Joseph</i> He wed Mary</p>	<p>22 All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:</p> <p>23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” – which means, “God with us.”</p> <p>24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.</p>
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