Jesus' Divine Birth: Unusual Events Mathew 01:18–24; Luke 02:21

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

1. His birth was of the Holy Spirit

2. His birth created a predicament

- a. Mary's predicament:She was pregnant before marriage
- b. Joseph's predicament: How to deal with Mary
 - 1) His character: A righteous man
 - 2) His solution: Not to expose Mary

3. His birth necessitated a special revelation from God

- a. God gave assurance
 - 1) Joseph was chosen
 - 2) Joseph was not to fear
- b. God guided: Joseph was to take Mary as His wife
- c. God explained: The child is of the Spirit
- d. God revealed the child's destiny
 - 1) His name: Jesus
 - 2) His mission: To save
- 4. His birth was a fulfillment of prophecy, Isa 07:14
 - a. Predicting His virgin birth
 - b. Predicting His name: Emmanuel, God with us
- 5. His birth stirred a great obedience within Joseph He wed Mary

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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."
- 22 All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet:
- 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."
- 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

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The unusual naming of the child: Named by God Himself

2:21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.