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Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Title: His Miraculous Birth

Continuing w/ Joseph's dream

Joseph was concerned, rightly so, Mary was pregnant
Knew it wasn't his – to Mary her meant he was
claiming the baby as his own

Joseph was a righteous man

Wanted to do what was right
Had chosen Mary carefully, he thought, now this

Seeking God's guidance, he falls asleep

In his dream the angel says

Matthew 1:20-21

Our Savior

This child will be God in the flesh

- *"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

She will bear a Son

Mary will have a Son – not Joseph..., Mary
Look at **Matthew 2:13, 2:20**
Always the child and His mother
Not, Joseph as father

This child is born of a virgin

Not from a man and a woman
From God

His name will be Jesus – Jeshua, Jehoshua, Joshua
Jehovah saves

- *...He will save His people from their sins*

Only Jesus saves

Jesus saves us from the righteous judgment of the Father
He will save His people
There is a Savior, There is a redeemer

That's why He's here

This is the reason for Christmas

Not gifts under the tree

Beautiful trees, not even snow...

Jesus came to save His people from their sins

Acts 4:12

There is no other name, No One else can do this

Only Jesus came to save us

Only Jesus can save us

Only He is mighty enough to save us

Consider what Zachariah says about his new born son, John the Baptist...

Luke 1:76-77

By the forgiveness of their sins,

Mary knows, He is her Savior...

Luke 1:46-47

God my Savior.

Sara's song – I will hold/bear you

You will bear me – bear her sins

Remember the announcement to the Shepherds...

Luke 2:10-11

...born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Titus 3:4-5

4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, 5 He saved us,

✚ *Mighty to Save*

Virgin birth

The angel's message is finished – now Matthew speaks – we have a little commentary on the angel's message here

Matthew 1:22-23

Matthew quotes scripture

He goes to the Word for understanding...

What was spoken by the Lord...

Through the prophet...

This is God's Word on the matter

Isaiah 7:14

Written 700 years before...

This is not an afterthought

This is not borrowing from some previously told myth

This is not plan B

This is God's promise

Foretold by the prophets...

Foretold, planned by God

His plan of salvation to save His people

Born of a virgin – the virgin birth

Two thousand years ago God entered this world as a human being.

Deity put on the robe of humanity.

The heavenly Son became an earthly baby on a night

With a bright and magnificent star

A child was born not like any other child before or since

The God/Man

This single event was so big that it became the peak of history

It established the calendar.

Everything before this event is B.C.

Everything after is Anno Domini, the year of our Lord.

Think how they have changed that...

Redemptive history reached its pinnacle and the Son of God, the Savior of the world was born.

Born of a virgin

We know as Mary

A real incarnation of God in flesh demands a virgin conception

This is foundational, this is critical...

If Jesus had a human father and a human mother – He would not be God, could not be God

If He is a man and not God, He is not the Savior

Robert Schuller said in 1976: "I could not in print or in public deny the virgin birth of Christ, but when I have something I can't comprehend I just don't deal with it."

Doctor Walvoord the president of Dallas Theological Seminary says, "The incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ is the central fact of Christianity, upon it the whole superstructure of Christian theology depends."

Up until 150 years ago (or so) little debate...

Many of the more liberal denominations will deny the virgin birth, or at least strongly doubt it

I remember the church in Nebraska, started as a Congregational church. In the 40's that denomination began to debate the issue of the virgin birth and decided against it. At that point the church broke from the denomination. It was that important to them.

Now, why is it so important?

The proof Matthew uses for Jesus' deity – His birth

B/c He was born of a virgin – He is God

If it is not true then...

The Bible is not true for the bible says – **verse 23**

If the virgin birth is not true...

His death cannot be our substitute

His birth, His resurrection and second coming all show His deity

It is a package deal

We need to accept all of it, understand as best we can...

Leaving out part destroys all of it

Hebrews 1:3

Psalms 2:7

'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Here we have a child, created in a human womb, created sinless

He is holy

The very nature of God, divine, God in the flesh

John 1:14

...and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth

John 10:30

30 "I and the Father are one."

Jesus is the Son of God by birth, miraculously

The past years there has been much debate about **Isaiah 7:14**

About the choice of the word used

Does it really mean virgin?

Several things leave no doubt to the meaning...

Almah is the Hebrew word used here

There is another word that means virgin

Almah could mean either except...

Further study shows at the time Isaiah wrote

Almah had one meaning – virgin

It changed over time

The Greek word Matthew chooses here means virgin

What is this verse saying?

Mary was not with a man

There was no earthly father in this picture

Put this altogether – Mary was a virgin

The baby she bore was God, come in human flesh

✚ *Silent Night – v. 1*

Immanuel

Matthew 1:23

- *Immanuel*

El – God

Imman – with us
God with us
This is a description of who He is
This is a title, not a name

Immanuel, God with us,
Infinitely rich, became poor.
Assumed our human nature
Took our guilt, bore our griefs,
Carried our sorrows
Was wounded for our transgressions
Bruised for our iniquities
Went to heaven to prepare a place for us
Sent His Spirit to dwell in our hearts
Right now intercedes for us
And He will someday come to take us to be with Him

✦ *Emmanuel*

Following the King

Matthew 1:24-25

Joseph woke up
He had gone to sleep – wondering, worried, upset, confused
He woke and knew exactly what to do

He got up and did what he was told
He obeyed, he followed...
He woke from his sleep and...
Followed the directions he'd been given

It was all clear now
Not only was he marrying Mary
She was going to give birth to the Son of God
The Messiah – the promised Son of David
Imagine the expectation, the wonder...

Don't know much about Joseph

Had to have been a good man
Would God have put His Son in the care of a bad father?

Imagine raising a perfect son...
No dad, it's this way...

Joseph married Mary – he did just what the angel said...
He took her as his wife
He took her son as his even though they both knew
They both knew the uniqueness of this baby
This baby who was God

Joseph followed the King...
Jesus is King because He is the heir to David's throne
Jesus is King because of His miraculous birth which proves Him to
be the Son of God

✦ *Hark the Herald v. 1, 3*

Conclusion

Jesus is the King
His Genealogy proves it
Jesus is the Son of God
His miraculous birth proves
Jesus is the Messiah
The fulfilled prophecies prove this

The Savior has come
The One who can and will save us from sin

Will you, have you surrendered to Him
Salvation is found in No One else...

Benediction:

Isaiah 7:14-15

14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Sermon outline

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Matthew 2:18-25

Our S_____

V_____ birth

I_____

F_____ the King