



## **The Virgin Birth**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**December 9, 2018**

**Sermon Questions**

- 1. How did Matthew tell us about the human situation of Joseph and Mary? (18) What did 'Mary was found to be with child' suggest about her? (18c)**
- 2. How did Joseph respond and what does this show about him? (19) How can we make a godly decision in a crisis like Joseph?**
- 3. How did God intervene between Joseph and Mary? (20) Why did the angel call him "Joseph son of David"? (20) What mission did God give Joseph? (21)**
- 4. What did Joseph do? (24-25) What important role did he play in God's redemptive history?**
- 5. What can we learn about the identity and mission of Mary's son? (21) How does Jesus save us from our sins? (Lk 23:34a)**

***Matthew 1:18-25(ESV)***

***18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from 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 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:***

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***"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"***

***(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.***