



Today's Topic: A Miraculous Birth

Matthew 1:18-24

Sunday, November 27, 2022

1. An _____ Truth

"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 1:18 (NIV, 2011)

2. An _____ Truth

"Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly"

Matthew 1:19 (NIV, 2011)

3. A _____ Truth

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. 'Joseph, son of David,' the angel said, 'do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'"

Matthew 1:20-21 (NIV, 2011)

4. A _____ Truth

"All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: 'Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV, 2011); compare Isaiah 7:14

“I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’”
Isaiah 46:10 (NIV, 2011)

“When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.”
Matthew 1:24 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:
Every day this week, fill in the following blank:
Because Jesus entered the world, I can _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Matthew 1:18-19. How would you have felt if you were in Joseph’s situation?
2. Read Matthew 1:20-21. Why is it significant that Jesus is born of a human mother, but conceived by the Holy Spirit?
3. Why does God ask Joseph to take Mary as his wife, even though he would not be the child’s biological father?
4. Why does the angel tell Joseph to name the child, “Jesus”?
5. Read Matthew 1:22-23 and Isaiah 7:1-14. In what sense does the birth of Jesus fulfill what God promised through the prophet, Isaiah?
6. How does this birth prove to us that God is “with us”?
7. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?