

## **The Savior is Born (Matt. 1:18-25)**

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**Text: Matthew 1:18-25.**

**Main Idea**—God sent His unique Son to be born of a virgin and this Son is the Savior of all who will believe in Him for their Salvation. Memory Verse: **Matt. 1:21**

**1. Joseph's Problem (Matt. 1:18-19)**—Mary was betrothed to Joseph to be married. To Joseph's surprise, Mary was pregnant. Though her pregnancy was planned and executed by God, through His Holy Spirit, Joseph wasn't buying Mary's report. This was a major problem for Joseph!

**Duet.22:24**

**James 1:2-4; James 1:12**

**2. God's Proclamation (Matt. 1:20-23)**—Prior to Joseph acting on His plan to quietly divorce Mary, God interrupted him in an unexpected way. God communicated with Joseph by sending an angel to speak to him in his dream. The news he told Joseph would

have an eternal impact which the world is still being affected by to this day.

**Prov.19:21; Prov. 3:5-6**

\*God is a living God who speaks to us. God speaks in multiple ways. He speaks through general revelation seen in His Creation (**Ps.19:1**). God spoke to Israel through the Law, the O.T. Prophets and the N.T. Apostles. These words have been recorded in God's Special revelation, the Bible (**The Holy Scriptures-1 Tim.3:16-17**). Throughout redemptive history God has spoken through Angels (from Abraham in the OT to Zacharias and Mary in the NT). Yet God is still speaking by His Spirit through His word, especially through the Gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ (**Heb.1:1-4**)!

**\*The Virgin Birth (V20-23)**—Here is a definitive statement about the Virgin Birth. Matthew simply states this as a historic fact declaring that Mary's pregnancy fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy (**V23, Isaiah 7:14**).

**Gen.3:15; Is.7:14**

**Luke 1:35; 1 John 4:2-3**

## Salvation from sin (V21)

In what sense will Jesus save His people from their sins?

\*Saved from sins penalty & guilt (Justification)—**Rom.5:1, 2 Cor.5:21**

\*Saved from sin's power (sanctification)—**Rom.6:11-14**

\*Saved from sin's presence (glorification)—**1 Cor.15:51-58; Rom.8:30**

\*\*Who will Jesus save from their sins? *He will save **His people** from their sins...* God's people are His chosen people (Jew and Gentile) who trust in Him alone as their Savior and King. God's people trust in the **person of Christ** (i.e. He is *Immanuel-GOD WITH US*) and they trust in **His work** (i.e. *saving His people from their sins*) through His perfect life and death on the cross.

**John 14:6; 3:16-18, 36**

**3. Joseph's Preparation (Matt. 1:24-25)**—God changed Joseph's "chooser," and he decided to obey the Lord's command. His actions demonstrated God's grace in changing his heart and Joseph's faith in God's promise.

## Isaiah 7:14

**James Montgomery Boice (1938-2000)—*He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega, the Ancient of Days. He is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He is the Anointed One, the Messiah. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King. He is our Savior, the Only Wise God. He is our Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. He is the Lord, the Almighty. He is the Door of the sheep, the Good Shepherd, the Great Shepherd, the Chief Shepherd, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. He is the Lamb Slain from before the foundation of the world. He is the Logos, the Light, the Light of the World, the Light of Life, the Tree of Life, the Word of Life, the Bread that came down from heaven, the Spring which, if a person drinks it, he will never thirst again. He is the Way and the Truth and the Life. He is the Resurrection and the Life. He is our Rock, our Bridegroom, our Beloved, and our Redeemer. He is the Head over all things, which is His body, the church. But above all, He is “God with us,” Immanuel and He came from heaven to earth to save us from our sins.***