

# THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Matthew 1:18-25

**Birth:** The event of being born. The beginning

## 1. Matthew 1:18-25                      **Conception and birth of (Jesus)**

A. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother **Mary was espoused to Joseph**, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately . but while he thought on these things , behold , the angel of the lord appeared unto him in a dream , saying , Joseph , thou son of David , fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife : for that which is conceived in her is of the holy ghost . And then she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins. now all this was done , that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the lord by the prophet , saying , behold , a virgin shall be with child , and shall bring forth a son , and they shall call his name Emmanuel , which being interpreted is , **God with us** . Then **Joseph being raised from sleep** did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: **and knew her not** till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and **he called his name JESUS**.

B. The mother of Jesus Christ was Mary. And this is how the birth of Jesus happened. **Mary was engaged to marry Joseph**. But before they married, Mary learned that she was pregnant with a child. Mary was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man. He did not want to bring shame to Mary before the people. So he planned to divorce her secretly. But after Joseph thought about this, an angel of the lord came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to accept Mary to be your wife. The baby that is in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son. You will name the son Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins. All this happened to make clear the full meaning of the things the lord said through the prophet: the virgin will be pregnant and will give birth to a son. They will name him Immanuel. (Immanuel means, God with us.) When Joseph woke up, he did the things that the Lord's angel told him to do. Joseph married Mary. But Joseph had no sexual union with Mary until she gave birth to the son. And Joseph named the son Jesus.

## 2. Luke 2:7

A. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in **swaddling clothes**, and **laid him in a manger**; because there was no room for them in the inn.

B. She gave birth to her first born son (Jesus). There was not enough room for them in the house. So **Mary wrapped the baby with pieces of cloth** and **laid the baby in a box where cattle are fed**.

3. Isaiah 9:6

A. **For unto us a child is born**, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called wonderful, **counselor**, the **mighty God**, the **everlasting father** the **prince of peace** .

B. This will happen when the special child is born. God will give a son to us. This son will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be wonderful counselor, powerful God, father who lives forever, prince of peace.

4. John 1:14

A. **And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father,) full of grace and truth.

B. **The word became a man and lived among us**. We saw his glory – the glory that belongs to the only son of the father. The word was full of grace (kindness) and truth.

5. Micah 5:2

A. But thou , Bethlehem Ephrata , though thou be little among the thousands of Judah ,yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel ; whose goings fourth have been from of old , from everlasting .

B. But you, Bethlehem Ephrata, are the smallest town in Judah. Your family is almost too small to count. But the ruler of Israel will come from you for me. His beginnings are from ancient times, from long, long ago.

6. Luke 1:26-38      39-(40)

7. Galatians 4:4

A. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his son, made of s woman, made under the law.

B. But when the right time came, God sent his son. God's son was born from a women. God's son lived under the law.

8. Luke 2:21

A. And when **eight days** were accomplished for the circumcising of a child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

B. When the baby was **eight days old**, he was circumcised, and he was named Jesus. This name was given by the angel before the baby began to grow inside Mary.

**Circumcised:** To have the foreskin cut off. This was done to every Jewish baby boy. It was a mark of the agreement that God made with Abraham (Gen 17:9-14)

9. Matthew 2:11 (13-16)

A. And when they were come into the house , they saw the young child with Mary his mother , and fell down , and worshipped him : and when they had opened their treasures ,they presented unto him gifts; gold , and frankincense , and myrrh .

B. The wise men came to the house where the baby was. They saw the baby with his mother Mary. The wise men bowed down and worshipped the baby. The wise men opened the gifts they brought for the baby. They gave the baby treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

10. John 3:16

A. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

B. Yes God loved the world so much that he gave his only son. God gave his son so that every person that believes in him would not be lost, but have life forever.

Surely hope today that we can see a little clearer how important the birth of Jesus really is

Five things we must do to become a Christian

**Here** the word, **Believe** what you have heard, **Repent**, Confess, and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation