

Sermon Notes — The Virgin Birth

Matthew 1:18–25

Main Idea

The virgin birth isn't a cute Christmas detail—it is essential to salvation. No Christmas, no Easter.

Why This Matters

- We often become *too familiar* with the story and lose its wonder.
 - Many Christians treat the virgin birth as optional or symbolic.
 - Scripture gives no room for that—Matthew is clear and emphatic.
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The Text (Matthew 1:18–25)

- Mary is pregnant *before* she and Joseph come together.
 - Angel reveals conception is “from the Holy Spirit.”
 - Fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy: “*The virgin shall conceive...*”
 - Jesus = **Immanuel — God with us.**
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Why God Had to Do It This Way

1. Humanity is Broken

- Sin is everywhere—betrayal, pride, injustice, inner decay.
- Genesis 3: We rejected God → creation fractured → death introduced.
- A human broke perfection, so a human must fix it.
- But all humans inherit sin.

2. The Virgin Birth Provides the Only Solution

- Jesus must be:
 - **Fully God** (perfect)
 - **Fully human** (able to represent us)
 - Natural conception = inherited sin nature.
 - Virgin birth = God enters the system from *outside* it.
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How the OT Prepares Us

- Sacrificial system teaches:
 - Sin requires blood
 - The substitute must be perfect
 - A greater sacrifice is coming
 - The virgin birth is the moment that perfect Lamb arrives.
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The Christmas Miracle

- God wraps Himself in flesh.

- Enters the world through a miracle.
 - Becomes the perfect sacrifice humanity could never produce.
 - Jesus is:
 - The new Adam
 - The perfect human
 - The Savior of the world
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Why You Can't Skip Christmas

- No virgin birth →
 - No perfect Savior
 - No atonement
 - No cross
 - No resurrection
 - No salvation

Christmas is the foundation of the gospel.

Application

- Don't let familiarity steal awe.
- Don't let culture reduce Christmas to sentimentality.
- Let every symbol preach the gospel:

- Lights → Light of the World
- Gifts → God's greatest Gift
- Nativity → God entering humanity

Bottom Line

You can't get to Good Friday or Easter without the miracle of Christmas.