

# DO YOU BELIEVE

fundamentals of the faith  
in the Christmas account



**Introduction:** We are studying the \_\_\_\_\_ fundamentals of the Christian faith. And what are the five Fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith? They are:

## **Prevailing views surrounding the Virgin Birth:**

If there is one Fundamental doctrine that people question and doubt the legitimacy of, it is the doctrine of the \_\_\_\_\_ birth.

Matthew 1:18 - *Now the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ was as follows:*

**Question:** Do you \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin?

### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' Birth - Matthew 1:18b**

*After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.*

Our verse tells us that Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph. This means that they were legally married according to law.

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Before Mary and Joseph consummated their marriage she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit

However, our text is quick to tell us that this event was a \_\_\_\_\_ thing and that Mary was with child of the Holy Spirit.

Underline the word "\_\_\_" (other translations: by, from, through) in our text. I have read that this word speaks of \_\_\_\_\_. So, then, the origin of the child mentioned in our text is of the Holy Spirit. No earthly man is involved!

Luke 1:37 - *"For with God nothing will be impossible."*

Vernon McGee wrote, "That's the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Virgin Birth."

## **II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' Birth - Matthew 1:19**

*Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make here a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.*

Leviticus 20:10 - *'The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.*

How do we as people \_\_\_\_\_ with indiscretions (our sins)? We \_\_\_\_\_ them. We secretly \_\_\_\_\_ them up.

Joseph could have made Mary a \_\_\_\_\_ example, but he did not want to do that to her. **His love outweighed his disappointment in her.**

God is not going to leave Joseph trying to \_\_\_\_\_ up Mary's pregnancy. No, God is going to reveal His plan to Joseph.

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' Birth – Matthew 1:20-23

*But while he thought about these things, Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."*

See Matthew 1:18, 20

God made sure that all \_\_\_\_\_ about Mary's being unfaithful was erased in the mind of Joseph.

Isaiah 7:14 - *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, as "God with us."*

In Isaiah 7:14 the Hebrew word for "virgin" is " \_\_\_\_\_ " (al-maw), and it is translated, as \_\_\_\_\_ , maid, damsel.

Now, I want you to underline the word "virgin" used here in Matthew 1:23. The Greek word used here is " \_\_\_\_\_ " (par-then'-os), and it is translated, as virgin, a \_\_\_\_\_, and by implication an unmarried daughter. Thus, a young woman who had never been with a man.

## The Theological Implications of the Virgin Birth

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' Birth – Matthew 1:24-25

*24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.*

Our text says, *And \_\_\_\_\_ to him his wife,*

*Matthew 1:25 - and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.*

Paul Smith wrote, "A virgin birth seems a must and appropriate and \_\_\_\_\_ way for God to enter His world."

**Conclusion: Do You \_\_\_\_\_ that the virgin birth happened? Do you believe that Christmas really happened?**

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian faith. Do away with the virgin birth and there is NO Christian faith. It is that essential.
2. In the virgin birth, we see God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan being revealed to mankind. God set His plan into motion, for it is through the virgin birth that a SAVIOR was born.
3. Are you aware that the name \_\_\_\_\_ means just that, Savior? Look back at Matthew 1:21
4. The virgin birth \_\_\_\_\_ biblical prophecy. It happened exactly as prophesized in the Old Testament. Isaiah through inspiration got it right (Isaiah 7:14).
5. Finally, you must \_\_\_\_\_ the virgin birth. How? By realizing that the virgin birth was accomplished for your salvation. JESUS was born without sin so that He could take your sin to the cross. See 2 Cor. 5:21