



**Introduction:** Who doesn't like to hear about the \_\_\_\_\_ of a baby?

I love the song entitled, "Mary, did you \_\_\_\_\_" by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene.

I submit to you that the birth of Jesus Christ was the Greatest \_\_\_\_\_ Ever.

I want us to look at Jesus' birth here in Matthew 1:18-25. There are \_\_\_\_\_ clear thoughts that I want to share with you about the Greatest Birth Ever, the birth of Jesus Christ. Here they are:

**1. Jesus' Birth is a \_\_\_\_\_ Event – Matthew 1:18**

*18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.*

Where in the Bible do we read about the birth of Jesus Christ?

- In the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 1:18-25.
- In the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ – Luke 1:26-2:7
- In the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ – God in the flesh/incarnation – John 1:14
- In the Epistle to the \_\_\_\_\_ – Galatians 4:4 "In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son, born of a woman..."

Now, I recognize that not everyone believes that Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ records tell us that Jesus was a real person. Two \_\_\_\_\_ historians (Pliny and Tacitus) and one \_\_\_\_\_ historian (Flavius Josephus) wrote about the birth of Jesus Christ. And there are dozens of other Christian writings that mention the birth of Jesus.

**2. Jesus' Birth was a \_\_\_\_\_ Event – Matthew 1:18**

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Matthew 1:16 - *And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.*

Joseph did not “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” Jesus Christ. No, Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit – the third person of the Holy Trinity. This conception was supernatural! Scripture tells us,

*“she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:18)*

Luke 1:35 - *35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*

- Jeremiah 32:27 - *“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too \_\_\_\_\_ for me?”*
- Luke 1:37 - *“For with God \_\_\_\_\_ will be impossible.”*

If \_\_\_\_\_ happen, and I believe they do (I don't question them), then why would we doubt a virgin birth? If God created all things, out of nothing (which He Did – See Colossians 1:16), then a virgin birth is a very small task for Almighty God to accomplish. Wouldn't you agree?

Yes, the virgin birth was a \_\_\_\_\_ event. It was outside of the natural realm. It was a total God thing!

### 3. Jesus' Birth was a \_\_\_\_\_ Event – Matthew 1:19

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

As a man how do you think you would have reacted if you were engaged to a woman, and near the time of your wedding she tells you that she is pregnant and that it's not your child? **Jaw \_\_\_\_\_!**  
**Right?**

And to top it off you know...

There is probably not a man alive who wouldn't have a problem with this \_\_\_\_\_ scenario. Your girl is pregnant with another man's child! **This isn't right! It's wrong!**

Joseph could have had Mary \_\_\_\_\_ to death (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 20:22-24).

Scripture tells us that while he \_\_\_\_\_ about these things (Matthew 1:20). Joseph's decision was not a knee-jerk reaction. It is amazing how much weight is on a person's mind when they receive bad news. And in Joseph's mind, this news was bad news. This is not how he perceived Mary.

**4. Jesus' Birth was a \_\_\_\_\_ Event – Matthew 1:20**

*20 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.*

It was while Joseph was \_\_\_\_\_ about this event that an angel of the LORD appeared to Joseph in a dream reassuring him that it was okay for him to take Mary as his wife.

**Please hear what I am about to say:** When God provides assurance, all is \_\_\_\_\_ !

Isaiah 26:3 – *You will keep him in \_\_\_\_\_ peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.*

**All is \_\_\_\_\_ when God's revelation is revealed!**

This should be true in all our lives as well. I can tell you of two times when God brought peace into my heart:

**5. Jesus' Birth was a Life- \_\_\_\_\_ Event – Matthew 1:21**

*21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

The angel told Joseph that Mary was going to have a " \_\_\_\_\_ " (pre-ultrasound machine).

We read, *For He will \_\_\_\_\_ His people from their sins.*

The name Jesus means " \_\_\_\_\_ ." Do you believe Jesus' ability to \_\_\_\_\_ people is a life-changing event? Jesus is the ONLY answer to man's problems.

My life was forever changed on November \_\_\_\_\_ 1976, and your life can be forever changed today (October 23, 2022), right now, at this moment.

**Pray a prayer like this:** Write it out here...

**6. Jesus' birth was a \_\_\_\_\_ Event – Matthew 1:22-23 (See Isaiah 7:14)**

*22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

Are you aware that Jesus' birth was predicted some \_\_\_\_\_ years before He was born?

Isaiah 7:14 - *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

The Hebrew word for virgin in Isaiah 7:14 is “\_\_\_\_\_” and it means “a maiden, a young woman, a girl, and a virgin. The Greek word for virgin in Matthew 1:23 is “\_\_\_\_\_” and it means “a virgin, maiden.”

Here in Matthew 1:23, we read that His name shall be called, “\_\_\_\_\_” And we are even told what “*Immanuel*” means. It means, “\_\_\_\_\_ with Us.”

### 7. Jesus’ Birth was Fully \_\_\_\_\_ Event – Matthew 1:24

*24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,*

Joseph was aroused from sleep, and he \_\_\_\_\_ as the angel of the Lord commanded him and he took Mary to be his wife – **from sleep to \_\_\_\_\_.**

There is nothing more wonderful than accepting God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for your life! **Jesus’**

### 8. Jesus’ Birth was the \_\_\_\_\_ Event Ever – Matthew 1:25

Matthew 13:55-56 - *55 Is this not the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?”* (Consider also Mark 6:3).

**Conclusion:** How should this Scripture \_\_\_\_\_ our lives today?

1. Accept Jesus’ birth as a \_\_\_\_\_ fact – Jesus was a real person, and He did live on planet earth.
2. Accept God’s ability to do s \_\_\_\_\_ things outside man’s human ability to comprehend it – the virgin birth.
3. Accept \_\_\_\_\_ events in your own life, but don’t allow them to cause you to worry. God still speaks if we will but listen.
4. Accept God’s ability to \_\_\_\_\_ through His Word, angels, or even dreams. God still communicates today.
5. Accept the truth of JESUS’ name ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). He is man’s only hope.
6. Accept the reality that Jesus’s birth fulfilled biblical \_\_\_\_\_. This should encourage us.
7. Accept the why of Jesus’ birth – to \_\_\_\_\_ people from their sins.
8. Accept Jesus’ birth as the Greatest Birth Ever! We most definitely have something to \_\_\_\_\_