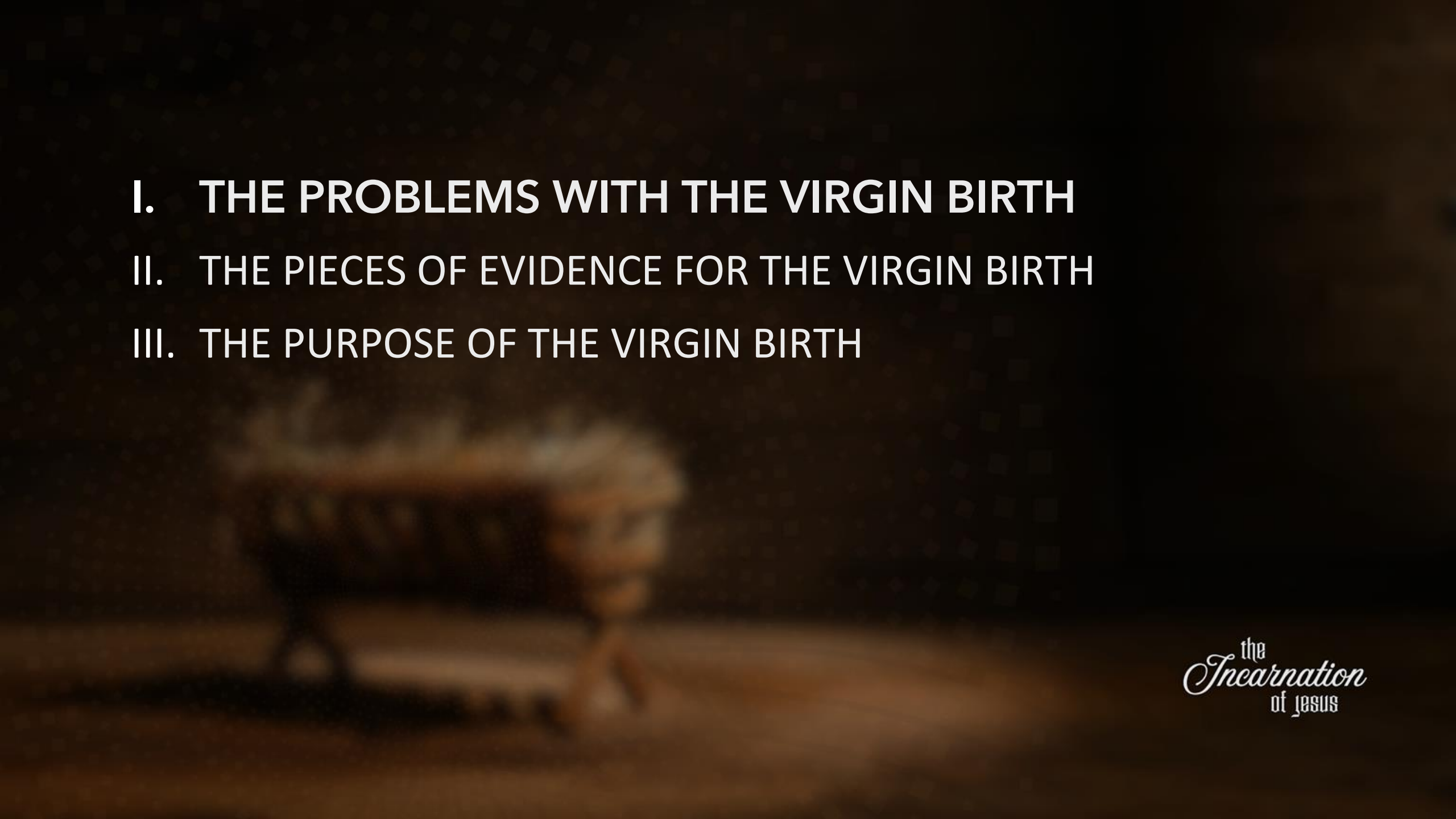


# THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

*Matthew 1:18-25*

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*Isn't this just a high-jacking of other virgin birth stories in ancient mythologies?*

“There is no indication that Luke and Matthew are dependent on Greco-Roman or oriental birth stories as their source.

To the contrary, the birth narratives are saturated with Old Testament themes and possess a distinctive Jewish character ... not only that, other mythic birth stories like that of Augustus imply some human-divine sexual union that is entirely absent from the Gospel accounts ... If the gospel writers are trying to borrow from the mythological stories they didn't do a very good job because they don't include any of the specifically mythological elements that are in those stories.”

Michael Bird, *Evangelical Theology*

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*“And Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary,  
of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.”*

Matthew 1:16



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*“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
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Isaiah 7:14

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*“Whoever has seen me has seen the father.”*

Jesus, John 14:9

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*“You shall call his name Jesus, for  
he will save his people from their sins.”*

Matthew 1:21

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