Deeper Life Notes

"The Miraculous Gift" Matthew 1:18-25
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Watertown Evangelical Free Church

Read

Matthew 1:18-25
18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).
24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

1. Jesus' birth is a true miracle: Question = Who is Jesus?

a. A _____ miracle *"found to be with child through the Holy Spirit"* v.20

b. An _____ miracle *"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet"* v.22

• **He was to descend from the tribe of Judah.** Genesis 49:10 *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people.* Luke 3:33 *...the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah...*

• **He was to be the Heir of David's Throne.** Isaiah 9:7 *Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*
Luke 1:32-33 *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.*

• **He fulfilled the prophecy concerning time of His birth.** Daniel 9:25 *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times.*
Luke 2:1-2 *And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.*

• **He was born of a virgin.** 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. Matthew 1:18 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.*

c. A miracle of _____ *"You shall call his name Jesus"* v. 21

Application

Who do you say Jesus is? (Matthew 16:15; John 10:35-37)
Atheist? Agnostic? Advocate?

Wrestle with these questions:

- Will we by faith accept the supernatural or settle for superstition? (Acts 23:8; 2 Peter 1:16)
- Is the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ essential or optional?
- Is there any hope apart from God becoming man; therein making salvation possible?

EFCA Statement of Faith
Jesus Christ
We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily form the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

2. Jesus' birth is a true gift: Question = what will we do with the person of Jesus?

a. A _____ from the Holy Spirit *"for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit"* v. 20.

b. A gift revealing God's _____ _____ for mankind *"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." v. 21*

c. A gift to be _____ and _____ "When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" v. 24

Study- ABCD
A – Admit your need for Jesus - repentance Romans 3:23

B – Believe Jesus can save you from your sins Matthew 1:21, Philippians 2:6-8

C – Confess (agree with God) He is Lord Romans 10:9-10

D – Disciple others Matthew 10:5; 28:19-20; 26:27

Believe in God's miracles – believe in Jesus the miraculous gift

Pray
If you you have not done so already, ask God for to help you believe in his miraculous gift, Jesus
If you have, thank Him for the most precious and wonderful gift and with whom you might share it?