His Name is Jesus!

Main Passage: Matthew 1:18–25

Supporting Passages: Luke 1:30–33; Isaiah 7:14

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**Intro: Christmas in August!**

This is the greatest story ever told.

He came.

After 400 years of silence from the Prophets, a light came. And it was bright.

Matthew 1:18-25

**Mary Was Chosen 1:18**

Betrothed — more than engagement, a legally binding pledge (Matthew 1:18).

Mary learned her role from the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:26–33)

Gabriel also spoke to Daniel (Daniel 8:16; 9:21), Zechariah (Luke 1:19), and announced John’s birth (Luke 1:26).

**God’s Favor on Mary**

 - He will be called Jesus

 - He will be great, Son of the Most High

 - He will be given David’s throne

 - He will reign over Israel forever

 - He will reign an eternal kingdom

**Joseph was Protective 1:19**

Joseph sought to avoid shaming Mary and planned to divorce her quietly

**God’s Message for Joseph 1:20-21**

* From *an* angel of the Lord
* Addresses him as “son of David”. Recall earlier genealogy, the purpose was to show Jesus as the heir to the throne of David.
* Don’t fear
* Marry Mary
* This is from the Holy Spirit
* She’ll have a son
* Call Him Jesus
* He will save

Jesus is the Savior. Matthew helps the Jewish readers see that though they only sought for a Sovereign to restore their national presence, God gave them a Savior. One who would save their sins and thus make a way for them to be in His new Kingdom!

**The Angel’s Message from the Prophets 1:22-23**

The Jewish connection from the OT prophet Isaiah to a new announcement – Isaiah 7:14

**Obedience leads to Blessing 1:24-25**

* Joseph did what the Lord commanded, and Mary gave birth!
* All according to the sovereign will of the Father!

**Biblical Understandings from the Virgin Birth of Christ Jesus.**

1. Necessity — Denys passing Joseph’s sin nature (Romans 5:12).
2. Trustworthiness — Scripture consistently affirms it (Matthew 1; Luke 1)
3. Purpose — Jesus came to forgive and save (Luke 2:11; Acts 4:12).
4. New Identity — We have a new identity in Christ when we are saved
5. Because we have been forgiven and redeemed, we can now see other people through the gracious eyes of Jesus, the Savior

**Applications**

1. How does understanding the significance of the Virgin Birth impact your relationship with Jesus as your Savior?
2. How do the OT prophecies help us accept the importance of the birth of Christ?
3. What does Mary's acceptance of God's plan teach us about trusting God in difficult situations?