

The Gospel of Matthew

"The Origins of Jesus Christ"
Matthew 1:18-25

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Origins of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-2:23

➤ **Overview**

- Matthew selects this material to show how the coming of Jesus is in fulfillment of Scripture
- Matthew shows the geographic origins of Jesus from Bethlehem to Nazareth

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Jesus' Birth (1:18-25)

1. The Role of Joseph

- His character – a genuine righteousness, a remarkable faith, an immediate obedience
- His importance – it is through his actions that Jesus becomes the legal "son of David"

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Jesus' Birth (1:18-25)

2. Jesus' Miraculous Conception

a) His conception was the direct product of the creative work of the Holy Spirit

➤ **Why?**

- A sign of God's miraculous provision
- Evidence that while Jesus is fully man, yet He is the unique Son of God

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Jesus' Birth (1:18-25)

2. Jesus' Miraculous Conception

b) It was the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14

- miraculous sign from God – the birth by a virgin of a son who would be the deliverer of God's people
- Jesus is uniquely "Immanuel" – God with us

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Jesus' Birth (1:18-25)

3. The Purpose of Jesus' Coming

➤ **To save His people from their sins**

- The name "Jesus" (*Yeshua*) = Yahweh saves; Jesus, as Yahweh, saves His people
- "from their sins" – not from political subjection but alienation from God because of sin

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"But when the fulness of time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law

In order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive adoption as sons." (Galatians 4:4-5)