

The Birth of the Great King

Matthew 1:18-25

I. Introduction

In a beautiful and simple style Matthew tells us of the most important **BIRTH** in all of history. In unadorned prose Matthew relates to us the mystery of the **INCARNATION** from the perspective of **JOSEPH**. Without fanfare of any kind we see the Messiah, born of a virgin through the agency of the **HOLY SPIRIT**, come into the world to save his people from their **SINS**.

II. The Miracle of Conception from **JOSEPH'S** Point of View

- a. The Engagement
- b. The Betrothal
- c. The “almost divorce” and the **INTERVENTION** of God
- d. The Marriage Proper

III. **JOSEPH**: The **LEGAL** Father of the King

- a. Joseph was a **RIGHTEOUS** man, a true son of David
- b. Joseph was a man of **DISCRETION** and **PIETY**
- c. Joseph was a **QUIET** and **CONSIDERATE** man
- d. Joseph was **OBEDIENT** to God
- e. Joseph was a man of **SELF-DISCIPLINE**

IV. The **NAMES** and **MISSION** of the King

- a. Christ
- b. Jesus
- c. Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14 and 9:1-7)

V. Conclusion

Matthew has given us a remarkable picture of **JOSEPH**, but an even more remarkable picture of Jesus. While we see many godly traits in Joseph, we are amazed to see the **ATTRIBUTES** of God given to Jesus. Matthew has given us a new type of man, one fully God and fully man, who will have the mission and **ABILITY** to save us from our **SINS**.