

Matthew: The Life & Teaching of Jesus the Messiah

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Key Idea: Matthew's narrative of the Virgin Birth is not mythology added by a hack author for a superstitious generation of readers. It is in fact the continuation of his genealogy and teaches the divine genesis of Jesus, that He is truly God and truly man.

Lesson 3
Matt. 1:18-25
The Divine Genesis of Jesus
(8-31-25)

I. CRANK-BAIT SCHOLARSHIP: THE LIBERAL ATTACKS UPON THE VIRGIN BIRTH

A. Some examples of 19 & 20th century pseudo-scholarship: _____

B. The Bible itself anticipates the a _____ of c _____, both unbelieving Jews and intellectual Greeks.

1. Matthew's Gospel is not just g _____ n _____; it is also an apologia, or d _____ of fundamental Christian doctrines.

a. The Jews attacked the reality of Jesus bodily r _____ (Matt. 28:11f)

b. The Jews would also attack the integrity of Mary and hence the l _____ of Jesus. (John 8:41)

c. Matthew's birth narrative is therefore a defense of Jesus' l _____ as well as making the case for the I _____.

C. Why the Virgin Birth matters to Christianity (or why God became man):

1. The problem of Adam's sin _____

2. The value of one man's death _____

3. The lack of a mediator _____

Applications: Sub-biblical views of Jesus: The Jewish Socrates, the Misguided Martyr, the Deluded Revolutionary _____

Application: Taking fire means you are over the target _____

II. UNPACKING MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT

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.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

Understanding Isaiah 7:14f: _____

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.
