

Matthew 1:18–25: The Fulfillment

Jesus Is the Son of God

“I believe...in Jesus Christ...who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.” (The Apostles’ Creed)

“Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph.” (Luke 3:23)

“Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.” (The Baptist Faith and Message 2000)

“God, in his wisdom, ordained a combination of human and divine influence in the birth of Christ, so that his full humanity would be evident to us from the fact of his ordinary human birth from a human mother, and his full deity would be evident from the fact of his conception in Mary’s womb by the powerful work of the Holy Spirit.” (Wayne Grudem)

“Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin.” (The Baptist Faith and Message 2000)

Jesus Is the Christ

Christ: Messiah; God’s promised anointed (chosen) deliverer and ruler of his people

Jesus Is the Savior

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:16–17)

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

Jesus Is God With Us

“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” (John 6:37)

“And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.” (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13)

“For he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

Notes

Discuss

- Why should Christians stick with believing in the virgin conception/birth of Jesus even if many people treat it as optional or reject it entirely?
- How is Joseph a positive example for Christians today, and is there an area of your life that you can put his example into practice?
- What are some of the promises that God has made to Christians?
- How does God fulfilling his promises in the past give you confidence that he will fulfill his promises in the future?
- If you choose one of the four things that Jesus is according to Matthew 1:18–25, how does that aspect of his identity make a difference in your life?

Read

Luke 1:26–38

Pray

- That God will give you a deeper understanding of who Jesus is this Advent.
- That God will help you to walk more faithfully in faith and repentance as a follower of Jesus and experience assurance of the forgiveness of your sins.
- That God will help you to follow the example of Joseph in justness, mercy, faith, and obedience.

Announcements

- Members' Meeting (Luke Burcell Leading in Worship and Sharing About Himself): 5:00pm
- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Goal: \$5,000) and Week of Prayer for International Missions (Prayer Guide on Connect Desk): December 12–19
- Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 5:00pm
- Small Groups (Coye and Emily Still, Randy and Crystal Syring, and Steve and Miriam Christy) Starting in January, 2022 (info@fsbcknobs for more information)