



## **Birth of Christ - 12.07.25**

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#### **Matthew 1:18-25(NIV)**

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

#### **1 Peter 3:15(NIV)**

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

## **1. It Preserves the True Humanity of Jesus**

### **John 1:14**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

## **2. If Jesus were not fully human, He could not stand in our place**

### **Hebrews 2:14(NIV)**

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil

## **3. It Preserves the True Deity of Jesus**

### **Luke 1:35(NIV)**

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

## **4. It Unites Humanity and Deity in One Person**

“The supreme mystery of the gospel is that the eternal Son became human.”

- J.I. Packer

## **5. It Fulfills Prophecy and Confirms Jesus as the Messiah**

### **Foretold**

### **Isaiah 7:14**

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

### **Fulfilled**

### **Matthew 1:22–23**

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## **6. It Protects the Gospel From Collapsing**

- Remove the virgin birth and Christianity becomes just another moral philosophy.**
- Keep it, and you have the supernatural life saving hope filled gospel of a supernatural Savior.**