



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - March 3, 2024

I. How important is this? - Matthew 1:21 (Matthew 22:42)

A. Sonship is at stake! – Mt. 22:42

B. Salvation is at stake! – 1:21

II. What is being established?

*“The incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ is the central fact of Christianity. Upon it the whole superstructure of Christian theology depends.” - Dr. John Walvoord*

A. This is God’s Son

B. Conceived of the Holy Spirit

## C. Legitimate King and Savior

### III. How does God use Joseph?

A. A just man in an impossible situation

B. A just man with incredible revelation

C. A just man acts in humble vindication

### IV. What do I do with this?

A. Be confident in the Kings Credentials

B. Be courageous in a world of Critics

## *Life Group Study Questions*

### *The Virgin Birth*

#### *Matthew 1:18-25*

1. Why does the world so desperately want to deny the virgin birth of Christ? How do the stakes change if Jesus is really Divine?
2. So far in chapter one, the genealogy has established that Jesus is the legal heir to David's throne. What is Matthew establishing in 1:18-25?
3. Most Jewish people believed that the Messiah's priority was to rescue them from oppression? What does verse 1:21 reveal about the ultimate priority of God's Messiah? How do we rewrite the job description of the Messiah to fit our present circumstance?
4. What is the significance of the word "birth" and the word "genealogy" being the same in Greek?"
5. Do you think it is easy for us to minimize the idea of a "virgin birth?" Why is this?
6. The promise of a virgin birth goes back to the beginning of creation in Genesis 3:15. Why is the significance of a woman being described as having a "seed?" Read Galatians 4:4 and describe how this passage is making the same point.
7. This passage describes the birth of Jesus through the lens of Joseph. What do you think it means that he is a "just" man and how does God use Joseph to ensure the legitimacy of Jesus divine birth?

8. How does the reality of the virgin birth gives us confidence? Where does this truth interact with your life today?