

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

MORNING MESSAGE

“The Virgin Birth of Jesus”

Matthew 1:18-25

- I. THE UNIQUE COUPLE (vv.18a,19a)
 - A. Meet a young girl named Mary
 1. She is unique because of her country
 - a. Luke 1:26, “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee”
 2. She is unique because of her community
 - a. Luke 1:26, “unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth”
 3. She is unique because of her commonness
 - a. Luke 2:24, “And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons”
 - B. Meet a young man named Joseph
 1. He was unique because he was a commendable man
 - a. Matthew 1:19, “being a just man”
 2. He was unique because he was a caring man
 - a. Matthew 1:19, “not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily”
 3. He was unique because he was the correct man
 - a. Matthew 1:16, “And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ”
- II. THE UNIQUE CONCEPTION (vv.18b,20,21-23)
 - A. It was a perplexing conception (vv.18b,20)
 1. Luke 1:34, “How can this be, seeing I know not a man?”
 - a. Matthew 1:18, “she was found with child of the Holy Ghost”
 - b. Matthew 1:20, “That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost”
 - c. Luke 1:35, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God”
 - B. It was a prophesied conception (vv.22-23)
 1. Matthew quoted the Old Testament prophet Isaiah

- a. Isaiah 7:14, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"

C. Three major doctrines live or die with the virgin birth

- 1. The inspiration of Scripture
- 2. The deity of Christ
- 3. The redemption of the world

III. THE UNIQUE CALLING (vv.21,23)

A. They called His name Jesus

- 1. Jesus means "God our Savior"
 - a. Acts 4:12, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"

B. Isaiah called His name Immanuel

- 1. Immanuel means "God with us"; literally, "sharing with us"
 - a. Hebrews 1:1-2, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son"