

THE DIVINE LINEAGE OF THE KING  
(Matthew 1:18-25)

- I. Virgin Conception DISCOVERED (Matt. 1:18)
  - A. His mother, MARY, is introduced without FANFARE
    - 1. She is not PROMINENT in Matthew
    - 2. We know of her GODLINESS, HUMILITY, and FAITH (Luke 1:26-38, 45-55)
    - 3. She was BETROTHED to Joseph
    - 4. She was still a VIRGIN
  - B. She “was FOUND” to be “with CHILD”
    - 1. Her pregnancy became EVIDENT
    - 2. Her child had been conceived by the HOLY SPIRIT
- II. Virgin Conception CONSIDERED (Matt. 1:19-20)
  - A. Joseph was “a RIGHTEOUS man”
    - 1. He could not marry an ADULTERESS
    - 2. He decided on a QUIET DIVORCE
  - B. He received a DIVINE MESSAGE while he slept
    - 1. The messenger was “an ANGEL of the Lord”

2. He addresses Joseph as “SON of DAVID”
3. He was told he must not be AFRAID
4. He should proceed with the WEDDING
5. Her pregnancy was CAUSED by the HOLY SPIRIT

### III. Virgin Conception EXPLAINED (Matt. 1:21-23)

- A. Mary will give birth to a SON
  1. He is to be named JESUS
  2. “He will SAVE His people from their SINS”
- B. “All this...” was a FULFILLMENT of prophecy (cf. Isa. 7:14)
  1. A VIRGIN would bear a SON
  2. His name would be Immanuel, meaning “GOD WITH US”

### IV. Virgin Conception ACCEPTED (Matt. 1:24-25)

- A. Setting aside FEAR, Joseph TOOK Mary as his WIFE
- B. Heeding SCRIPTURE, Joseph “KEPT [Mary] a VIRGIN”
  1. Mary was still a virgin when THIS Son was BORN
  2. Mary remained a virgin ONLY UNTIL this Son was born
- C. Obeying the COMMAND, Joseph NAMED the boy JESUS

### V. Virgin Conception BELIEVED (cf. Matt. 22:42)

- A. Many DENY it
- B. Others DOUBT it
- C. But the Bible DEMANDS it