

Text: Matthew 1:18-25
Topics: Birth of Christ, Power of God, Will of God
Series: Why the Incarnation?

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More than Meets the Eye!

I. The Message (18-21)

This child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and is going to save His people from their sin.

II. The Meaning (22-23)

God is fulfilling His promise to send a Savior.

III. The Means (24-25)

God worked through the obedience of a young couple to bring the Savior to His people.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Read Matthew 1:18-21. In what ways do you think the news of Mary's pregnancy would have been painful to Joseph?

Why did Joseph decide to send Mary away? What does this tell us about him?

2. Joseph's visit from an angel in a dream revealed that God was doing something bigger than he could have imagined. Think about something in your life that isn't what you want. What might God be doing that is bigger than your desire?

3. In Matthew 1:22-23 Matthew reveals that God was fulfilling His promise to send a Savior. Have you received Christ Jesus as your Savior? If not, why?

If so, what purpose, greater than your salvation, might God have in saving you? Be specific.

4. In Matthew 1:24-25 we see Joseph doing what the angel told him to do. Why is the birth of Christ through a virgin so important?

5. The submission in obedience to the will of God by Mary and Joseph became the means through which God miraculously sent our Savior. In what ways would this submission have been difficult?

How is God "sending" the Savior through you to others? In what ways is it difficult for you?