

A Virgin Bears a Son – Matthew 1:18-25

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When Joseph is devastated by the news that Mary, his wife-to-be, is expecting a child, God reveals to him that all is yet well. For God Himself is moving in a miraculous and unprecedented way to accomplish His promises. In this text there are three reasons Mary's conception, though troubling to Joseph, reveals the power and salvation of God:

1. Mary's conception is the work of the Holy Spirit:

That which is conceived in her is ek pneumatos hagiou (20).

2. Mary's conception is the means of God's salvation:

And she will bring forth a Son . . . (21).

3. Mary's conception is the fulfillment of God's Word:

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled . . . (22-23).