

## A Virgin Bears a Son, Part 2 – 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).*

Although the claim of a virgin conception has always been challenged by those who refuse to believe it, the Bible clearly teaches that Mary conceived in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:34-35).

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

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

The purpose of the virgin birth was to birth the Son of God *into our race*, so that He would become *one of us* in order to die for us as our representative; and to do so in a way that would declare to the world the miraculous salvation that God alone could provide, and to show the infinite uniqueness of the Son, Jesus.

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

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