

How Does A King Come Into the World?
Matthew 1:18-25

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1. Christmas is a wonderful family tradition.
2. Our text is very familiar. It's the story that the whole world stops for this time of the year.
3. This passage shows us the divine entrance of a King.
 - a. The idea of a coming King was the centerpiece of OT prophecy.
 1. (**Psalm 2:6; Psalm 24:9-10; Isaiah 7:14-15; Isaiah 9:6-7; Zechariah 9:9**)
4. This account is unusual. How would you expect a king to be born?

I. This Was A Unique Birth (Matthew 1:18).

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary "was betrothed to Joseph."
- B. During the betrothal period, Mary "**was found with child.**"
- C. Scripture affirms the truth that the child was "of the Holy Spirit."

II. Joseph Had A Real Problem (Matthew 1:19).

- A. Joseph is described in two ways.
- B. Joseph had two choices.

III. There Is An Angelic Explanation (Matthew 1:20-21).

- A. The Bible says Joseph "**considered this...**"
- B. Here is the angel's message.

IV. A Prophetic Confirmation (Matthew 1:22-23).

- A. This is what the prophet told Joseph. (v.22).
- B. The message of the prophet (v.23).

V. An Obedient Reaction (vv.24-25).

- A. Joseph honored Mary (v.24).
- B. Joseph honored God (v.25).

VI. A Few Final Foundational Facts.

- A. Take your time in making difficult decisions.
- B. The Virgin Birth must be accepted by faith.
- C. Belief in the Virgin Birth is essential to salvation.
- D. What you decide about the birth of Jesus is one of the most important decisions of your life.