

Magnification of Faith in the midst of fear (Part 4)

Matt. 1:18-25

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Introduction

Matthew's approach in this first chapter of his gospel is to demonstrate that Jesus is the legal son of David, through Joseph. For him this is the origin of the Messiah coming to earth. He goes to great lengths to demonstrate that Jesus is the son of David, the son of Abraham, vs. 1. Secondly, Matthew wants us to understand that the origin of the Messiah is miraculous. It is what we refer to as the virgin birth.

- I. The Origin of the Messiah, vs. 18, cp. vs. 16
 - a. Mary is His mother
 - b. Joseph is His legal father, of the line of David.
 - c. Mary was with child through the H.S., cp. Luke 1:35

- II. Joseph's Dilemma, vs. 19
 - a. Jewish approach to adultery, cp. Deut. 22:20-24; John 8
 - b. Doing the right thing -

- III. God's intervention, vv. 20-21
 - a. An angel of the Lord appears in a dream
 - i. Message – Joseph son of David, do not be afraid...
Joseph wasn't to be fearful of taking Mary home as his wife.
 - ii. Mary's conception is miraculous – from the HS
 - iii. Mary will have a son, cp. Isa. 7:14 quoted in vs. 23
 1. You are to give him the name Jesus
 - a. He will save His people from their sin, cp. Ps. 130:7-8.

- IV. Matthew's editorial? vv. 22-23
 - a. OT precedence in Isaiah 7:10-17
 - i. Immanuel - God with us

Both Joseph and Mary are instruments which God is using to accomplish His purposes.

Immanuel – God with us is mentioned both in Matthew and Luke, which was prophesied in Isaiah 7:14; 8:8, 10.

- V. Joseph's response, vv. 24-25
 - a. Believed and obeyed the angel of the Lord
 - i. Took Mary home to be his wife – fully married.
 - ii. He had no union with her until after the birth of the Messiah
 - iii. He named the legal son of David and son of Abraham – Jesus

Conclusion

Joseph and Mary would be instruments in delivering the Messiah and ensuring that the message of the Good News would get out – God will save His people from their sins.