

**Matthew 1:18-25**  
**Sermon Document**  
**1/23/2022**  
**The Birth Of Jesus Christ**

Who Jesus is and why he came transforms who we are and why we are

**Matthew 1:18–25 ESV**

**Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:**

**“It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie”**

**-J. I . Packer**

**Some have argued that the supreme miracle of Christianity is not the resurrection of Christ from the dead but the incarnation. The beginningless, omnipotent Creator of the universe took on a human nature without the loss of his deity, so that Jesus, the son of Joseph of Nazareth, was both fully divine and fully human.**

**-Tim Keller Hidden Christmas**

**God became man; the divine Son became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed**

and taught to talk like any other child.... The babyhood of the Son of God was a reality. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as is this truth of the Incarnation.

### **-J. I Packer Knowing God**

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters”**

### **Genesis 1:1-2**

- **He was born a baby and He sustains the universe.**
- **He was 30 years old and He exists eternally.**
- **He was tired and omnipotent.**
- **He died and He conquered death.**
- **He has returned to heaven and He is present with us.**

**So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.**

### **Galatians 4:7**

**And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.[b] 4 But[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved**

### **Ephesians 2:1-4**

**“He will save the people from their sins”**

**Matthew 1:21**

**Philippians 1:6 ESV**

**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon Discussion**

What is

How should Matthew 1:21 shape the way you read the rest of this Gospel?

What details of Jesus' earthly ministry demonstrate His full humanity?

List several characteristics of Jesus' ministry that display His divinity.

What is meaningful to you about the humanity of Jesus?

What is meaningful to you about the divinity of Jesus?

Why is it insufficient to say that Jesus was only a great moral example for us?

How does Joseph's quiet obedience encourage you? What are some areas God has invited you to quietly obey him?

How can my grow group help me apply the sermon this week?