

**First Baptist Church**  
**Sermon Notes—December 13, 2015**

**JESUS**  
**God Breaks His Silence**  
**(part 2)**

**Teenagers!**

**Two teenagers in the 1<sup>st</sup> century: Joseph & Mary**

**Matthew Basics**

- **Matthew 1:1-17: The human legal ancestry of Jesus**
- **Matthew 1:18-25: The Divine origin of Jesus**

**Joseph's BIG Dilemma**

**v. 18** This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

**v. 19** Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Dilemma:

1. *Righteous man*: a devout Jew taught the Law of Moses and lived by moral standards
2. *Did not want to expose her to public disgrace*: Joseph had a heart of love & compassion for Mary

Decision: divorce her privately

**God's Revelation**

**v. 20** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

**v. 21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

### **God’s Prediction Fulfilled**

**v. 22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

**v. 23** “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

### **Quote of Isaiah 7:14 by Matthew**

- The Virgin (ha almah): a particular young unmarried woman (passed puberty) assumed to be a virtuous virgin (never had sex)—use in OT refers to a virgin
- Immanuel: an unusual name that is a description:
  - God is present with His people in this child.
  - The presence of God will be seen in this child.
  - This Son will bring God to His people
  - God is actually present in Jesus

### **Skeptics Answered**

### **Joseph’s Decision**

**v. 24** When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

**v. 25** But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

### **Joseph Chose God’s Will**

### **What About You?**

Our Comfortable Lives--Our BIG Dilemma--Our Decision

**God Speaks Today:** Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:17,20; Colossians 3:13; Romans 12:1-2

**Teenagers for Jesus!**