

First Baptist Church
Sermon Notes—December 13, 2015

JESUS
God Breaks His Silence
(part 2)

Teenagers!

Two teenagers in the 1st 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!