

Our Savior's Supernatural Conception

Matthew 1:18-25 – Pastor Nick Thompson

I. Christ was conceived according to the Spirit's work (vv. 18-21).

- A. The virgin birth is a divine miracle.
- B. The virgin birth is unto divine salvation (Jesus).

III. Christ was conceived according to the Spirit's word (vv. 22-25).

- A. The virgin birth is a fulfillment of prophecy.
- B. The virgin birth is unto divine communion (Immanuel).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is a miracle? Why do many people deny the possibility of miracles? How could we respond to these objections?
2. What three prepositions does Matthew use to teach us that Jesus's conception is a miracle?
3. What two names is our Savior given in this text? What do they mean?
4. Why does Jesus's birth need to be supernatural? How does the virgin birth relate to our salvation?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Have I been influenced by the naturalistic worldview of our culture and its denial of the miraculous? If so, in what ways?
2. Why do I need a Savior who is nothing short of supernatural? Why will a great prophet or moral teacher not do to deliver me from sin and reconcile me to God?
3. How should I response to the miracle of Christmas?