

**Mt 1:18-25**  
**Our Anticipated Savior has Arrived**

<sup>18</sup> This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.<sup>19</sup> Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. <sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

Introduction in Matthew establishes themes for the whole book:

- 1) Jesus thru the lineage son of King David has come to establish the kingdom of God
- 2) Jesus is the fulfillment of OT prophecy of a Messiah/Savior
- 3) Jesus supernatural conception means he is fully God and perfectly human in one person
- 4) Jesus arrives for God's all-encompassing redemptive purposes

**The Anticipation for a Promised Savior**

*"This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham."* Mt 1:1  
son of David = lineage to the Davidic covenant 2Samuel 7:12-16  
son of Abraham = lineage to the Abrahamic covenant Genesis 22:18

**The Awkward Path of His Arrival**

- 1) all male listing was the customary way of doing genealogy then
- 2) a breach of etiquette, four women included by Matthew = "whose mother was"
  - v3 *Tamar*           Canaanite...
  - v5 *Rahab*           Canaanite...
  - v5 *Ruth*             Moabite...
  - v6 *Bathsheba*      Hittite...

Why these women were included:

- Each represents us, flagrantly separated but brought into family of God
- Each represents our need for a Savior from a lineage and life of sin
- Each represents humanity for whom Jesus sacrifices his life.

**The Arrival of the Incarnational Savior**

Mt 1:18 *"the birth of Jesus Christ" "with child through the Holy Spirit"*

Joseph is father legally           Mary is mother physically

Jesus is conceived supernaturally

Lk 1:35 "the Holy Spirit will come upon you, the power of the Most High will overshadow you"