

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?



A CHILD OF POWER

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

Matthew 1:23

“The virgin will be with child”

Have you ever heard the phrase “it’s a Christmas miracle?” During the Christmas season people often look for something special to take place in their lives. They are looking for something unexplainable and extraordinary. The good news is that God has already demonstrated the greatest Christmas miracle of all, the conception and birth of Jesus Christ. When Mary heard the angelic announcement concerning the birth of Jesus, she responded by expressing faith in God’s ability to do anything. Last week we learned that God keeps His promises. Today we learn that we must express faith in God’s ability to do anything.

KEY THOUGHT

The virgin conception of Jesus reveals to us that our God can do anything!!

Our God can do anything and everything!

Notice with me that the angel’s explanation of Christ’s birth...

WAS A RESPONSE TO A REAL QUESTION verse 34

“How?” Mary’s question came from a...

- ▶ Consideration of the facts – *“I am a virgin”*
- ▶ Contemplation of her fate – *“How can this be”*
- ▶ Confession of her faith

WAS A REVELATION OF A REAL EVENT! *verses 35-37*

The angel does not offer a scientific explanation, but rather a statement of description:

- ▶ “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,” – *God’s presence described*
- ▶ “and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;”- *God’s power demonstrated*
- ▶ “and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.” – *God’s prophecy delivered*
- ▶ “For nothing will be impossible with God.” - *God’s promise declared*

Psalm 33:8-9

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

RESULTED IN A RESPONSE OF REAL FAITH *verse 38*

- ▶ Real faith acknowledges – *“Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord;”*
- ▶ Real faith accepts – *“may it be done to me”*
- ▶ Real faith acts – *“according to your word.”*

Matthew 1:23, NASB95

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Luke 1:37, NASB95

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

**God writes with a pen that never blots, speaks with a tongue that never slips,
and acts with a hand that never fails.**

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