

# They Should Have Known: His Birth

Week 1 of 5

PRAY • ILL: JOY OF GOING TO HAWAII / MAN WITH SIGN // 2000 YEARS AGO, BABY WITH A SIGN

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

Matthew 1:22

## The Virgin Birth

Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 669)

DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE // WHAT IF YOUR DAUGHTER, YOUR FIANCEE? // WORLD OF PROMISCUITY!

### THREE ACTS OF GRACE:

An **angel came** to Joseph in a dream.

Mary was visited by the **Holy Spirit**.

Joseph **received** Mary and her child!

THESE ACTS OF GRACE SPEAK TO THE INCREDIBLE NATURE OF THE EVENT, BUT THEY PALE COMPARED TO WHAT MATTHEW IS REALLY TRYING TO REVEAL. // IN VERSE 22...

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

Matthew 1:23

### WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN:

Isaiah 7:10-17 (p. 480)

1. A **virgin** will bear a **child**.
2. They will call him "**God With Us**."
3. He points to **Salvation** and **Judgment**.

Isaiah 8:1-4, 9-10

TO AHAZ, FULFILLED IN HIS TIME

The prophecy of Isaiah was actually **fulfilled!**

THE PROPHECY IS FULFILLED, COOL, NO SWEAT, BUT 700 YEARS LATER JOSEPH IS CONFRONTED WITH THE CLAIM THAT A VIRGIN!! // IF THE FIRST PART IS NOW LITERALLY TRUE...

WHAT JOSEPH SHOULD HAVE KNOWN:

If a virgin has truly **conceived**,  
then God is truly **with** us!

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

1. The Child to come will bring honor to **Galilee** of the Gentiles!
  2. He will bring great **light** to those in darkness.
  3. He will be called Wonderful **Counselor**, Mighty **God**, Everlasting **Father**, Prince of **Peace**.
  4. He will reign forever as **King**.
- MAHER-SHALAL-HASH-BAZ OR SOME OTHER CHILD DID NOT FULFILL THIS AT ALL! BUT...

IF MARY CONCEIVED JESUS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHILE STILL A VIRGIN, THEN JESUS FULFILLS THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH IN A WAY UNIMAGINABLE TO US EVEN TODAY ... ETERNAL KING, EVERLASTING FATHER, MIGHTY GOD!!!

As the fulfillment of **prophecy**, Jesus' birth confirms him as **Savior, Lord**, and **God**.  
ALMOST FULLY FULFILLED, BUT NOT YET // SOMEDAY TO BE FULLY KING

### Take it Home:

Read the signs, receive the signs. // They should have known, we should receive.

1. Have great **confidence** in who Jesus is.
2. Have great **conviction** of your need for him.
3. Have great **awareness** of the world's need.
4. Have great **joy** in the grace of God.

