

I Am Jesus: Just Getting Started Mt.1:18-25 & Lk.2:1-5

The Doctrine of the Virgin Birth:

Mary was a virgin who was made pregnant by the power of the _____ and was still a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus.

Implications if the Virgin Birth Were Untrue:

- 1) Jesus was born through _____.
- 2) Christianity was founded on a lie.
- 3) The Bible is _____.

The virgin birth is a theological _____.

Myths About the Virgin Birth:

It stole from other mythologies:

The virgin birth is conceptually _____.

A Roman soldier impregnated Mary:

Parthenos = Greek for "virgin"

Panthera = name of the alleged Roman soldier

This was a _____.

It was faked to fulfill Old Testament prophecy, specifically Isaiah 7:14:

None of the Jews were _____ a virgin birth.

Joseph:

- Most likely a teenager
- Living in Nazareth, Galilee (pop. +- 400)
- Works as a "Tekton" (craftsman/builder)
- Is "*a righteous man*"
- Betrothed to Mary

We know from Joseph's response (*i.e. planning a divorce*) that he doesn't _____ Mary.

Matthew 1:20-21: Joseph knows that nobody is going to _____ him.

We see Joseph respond with _____.

Luke 2:1-5: The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was more than 70 miles of mountainous terrain. They would have covered 15-18 miles per day over a 5-day journey.