

## Born in Bethlehem | Matthew 1:18-25

*When the Creator comes into the world, it disrupts a lot of things.*

*We can appreciate the birth of JESUS today as we have a clearer picture of HIS coming.*

*But imagine living during that time.*

*Imagine everything that you had been taught & every way that you worshipped is now in question.*

*JESUS being “Born in Bethlehem” would spend the religious world into a frenzy.*

### Matthew 1:18-25

*JESUS being born period – can be a problem, but especially when HE is born in us.*

**John 3:5 – Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

#### 1. SOME WILL KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT

† **Matthew 1:18** - Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

*People who know you will notice you have something new in you – when you are born again.*

#### 2. SOME WILL AVOID YOU

† **Matthew 1:19** - Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

*Even those who are closest to you – may want to distance themselves from you.*

#### 3. LET GOD DEAL WITH THEM

† **Matthew 1:20** - But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

*Others may not understand why GOD is using you a certain way – but GOD will deal with that.*



#### 4. STICK TO THE PLAN

- † **Matthew 1:22** - Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
- † **Matthew 1:23** - Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

*It may not make any sense – but GOD has a plan.*

#### 5. THEY WILL COME AROUND

- † **Matthew 1:24** - Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
- † **Matthew 1:25** - And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

*Sometimes others won't really know you – until they really know JESUS!*

*We already know that HE was “Born in Bethlehem”, but we have to let HIM be born in us.*

**1 John 4:4 – Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

*We have to let JESUS live in inside us, so that others can see HIM in us!*

**Luke 2:11 – For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.**

*Yes – JESUS was born the in a humble beginning!*

*Yes – JESUS was born in a manger!*

*Yes – JESUS was born of a virgin!*

*Yes – JESUS was born in Bethlehem – but “Has JESUS been Born in YOU?”*

