

Jesus is Savior Trust in Him





Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

-Matthew 1:18-19



But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

-Matthew 1:20-21



"The Holy Spirit is the one who brings Jesus to birth inside Mary, the one who makes Jesus alive in this particular human life, who makes Jesus a real person in her and to her."

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All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

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(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

-Matthew 1:22-25



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- 1. For salvation
- 2. Moment-by-moment





"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!"

-Isaiah 7:14-17





The Immanuel Principle:

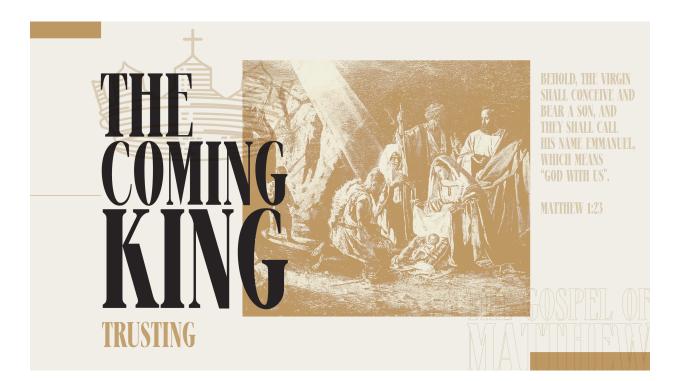
We're to trust God to save



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-Matthew 1:21-22





"[1]t is the Holy Spirit and not human initiative that brings Jesus into personal life (then Mary's, now ours). When Jesus Christ comes to anyone in history, even in his Advent coming to Mary, it is always the work of the Spirit, not of human preparation or enterprise. Every conversion is a virgin birth... God brings Jesus (and so Jesus brings God) to human life."

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