

“Uniquely Qualified”
Matthew 1:18-25

Central Idea: Jesus unique entrance into the world was necessary for our salvation.

I. Divine _____

- #1 - Joseph and Mary were in a _____ period

A period of _____, but no _____ intimacies.

- #2 - Matthew specifically states no physical intimacies.
 - “before they came together” = no physical intimacies

- #3 - Mary’s pregnancy was of the _____

- “by the Holy Spirit”

Luke’s Chronology of events: (from Luke 1:26-38)

- 1) angel Gabriel visits Mary - explains what will happen
- 2) Mary leaves Nazareth - visits Elizabeth for 3 months
- 3) Mary returns to Nazareth pregnant by the Holy Spirit
- 4) Mary explains to Joseph what has happened

- #4 - Joseph’s reaction evidence he was not _____

Joseph is attempting to find a _____ solution to the _____ situation.

- #5 - Joseph receives _____ reassurance

The angel confirms Mary’s account

- #6 - _____ fulfilled (22-23)

- Isaiah 7:14
_____ years earlier the Isaiah predicted this divine birth.

- #7 - Joseph's _____ to the command (24-25)

His commitment to keep Mary a _____ until after the birth of Jesus protects this miraculous event.

II. The significance

Jesus humanity made...

- His death _____ to us
- Hebrews 2:16-17

Only as a human being could Jesus die for human beings.

Unless Jesus was fully human...

- He could not have _____ for our sins
- He could not have been a _____ for us

Jesus divinity made...

- His death _____
- Hebrews 7:26-27
- 1 Peter 1:19

Unless Jesus was fully divine...

He could not have made a _____ sacrifice for us