

MARKED FOR GLORY

# Marked for Glory From Birth

MARK 8:11; MATTHEW 1:18-25

*The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. Mark 8:11*

## I. Jesus was marked for glory from the beginning of His life: His virgin birth.

*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. Matthew 1:18*

- A. Ancient betrothal was marked by a time of \_\_\_\_\_ for the couple. (vv. 18-19)
- B. Mary miraculously \_\_\_\_\_ a son, even after never having been with a man. (vv. 20-23)
- C. Joseph took Mary as his wife but did not know her until \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' birth. (vv. 24-25)

## II. The virgin birth was unique, and therefore makes Jesus unique.

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21*

- A. Being conceived of the Holy Spirit means God \_\_\_\_\_ with us and sent us a sinless Savior. (Rom 5:12)
- B. Being born of a woman means Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ with us as He was fully human. (Rom 5:19)

## III. Jesus's virgin birth changed Joseph's and Mary's life and can change yours as well.

*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 1:24-25*

- A. *Need a Savior?* They embraced Jesus as God's Son sent to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- B. *Need hope?* Their hope was renewed as they saw God do the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- C. *Need guidance?* They found guidance through \_\_\_\_\_ .

Joseph's advice for today's skeptic

**Don't distance yourself simply because you don't understand.** (v. 19)

**Be open to reason, listening to God's plan for you.** (vv. 20-23)

**Consider that God's plan could be better than your own.** (vv. 24-25)

## HOME GROUP LESSON

"Too many are not willing to give the Gospel a fair trial. They are too ignorant to speak wisely but not wise enough to speak ignorantly. A man is not a sinner because he is a skeptic; he is a skeptic because he is a sinner."

VANCE HAVNER

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ...  
1 TIMOTHY 2:5

1. What do you tend to be skeptical about, or have to be shown before you believe it?

2. This new series explores the signs that marked Jesus as divine. Share what takeaways you had from this first sermon.

3. "What think ye of Jesus?" Is he just a man, a unique historical figure, a myth, or God Himself? What impact has He had on your life, if any?

4. Have you ever asked God for a sign of some kind? Talk about the motivation behind the request. Did God give you the sign, or did He provide you with something else? What did you learn from the experience?

5. Describe how his virgin birth makes Jesus unique. How does the virgin birth affect your own faith in Him? What difference does it make?

6. How can we find guidance through obedience? In what area do you need to walk in obedience today?

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

### TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP AND TEXT

**"CCBCSERVE" TO 555-888.** If you've been connected in a Christ Chapel home group or Bible study for a while, your next step is to start serving! There are lots of ways you can get involved at Christ Chapel and with ministry partners like The Net and Justin's Place. Text "CCBCServe" to 555-888 for a list of opportunities.

### GRIEF SHARE BEGINS THIS THURSDAY,

**FEB. 7.** If you've lost a loved one, we are so sorry. Much healing can occur when you have the opportunity to talk about your grief, hear from others and gain resources for processing your grief in day-to-day life. The class will meet on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Visit [www.cbc soulcare.org](http://www.cbc soulcare.org) to register.

### MARRIED COUPLES, "FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE" STARTS NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 10.

Experiencing the ups and downs of marriage? We want to help remind you that God has a good plan through the highs and lows. Along with encouragement, you'll get equipped to love your spouse with the kind of devotion that can only come from God. Sign up for the class today at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

### IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GETTING

**BAPTIZED, KEEP READING!** There's a baptism class next Sunday, Feb. 10 in preparation of a special baptism celebration we're having on Sunday, Feb. 24. If you're ready to take the plunge, we'd love to include you! Come next week and learn more. We'll meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Link Conference Room. Questions? Email Hailee at [HaileeS@christchapelbc.org](mailto:HaileeS@christchapelbc.org).

### THERE'S A YOUNG COUPLES HANGOUT

**ON MONDAY, FEB. 11.** If you're a young couple looking for community, join us for a fun night! There will be food and games happening from 7 to 9 p.m. You can learn more by visiting the CCBC Young Couples Facebook page today.

### LADIES, REGISTER FOR "EMOTIONAL

**INTELLIGENCE."** Ever wish you had God's wisdom for your day-to-day relationships? The Women in the Workplace Ministry invites you to "Emotional Intelligence," a night about defining your emotions, identifying what they tell you and using them to enhance your relationships and work. The event is Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oak Room. Register for dinner (\$10 per person) at [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events).

### SAY "YES!" TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

Every week our Children's Ministry has a blast teaching kids about Jesus. If you're looking for a place to serve, say "Yes!" to our kids. There are opportunities to get involved in a nursery or pre-school class right now and serve weekly, monthly or as a sub. Email Tamara at [TamaraW@christchapelbc.org](mailto:TamaraW@christchapelbc.org) to sign up.

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