

Matthew 1:18-25
"When Plans Change"

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1. Introduction

a. Jesus born to Mary His mother

b. Prenatal life

- Lk 3:23 Most thought Jesus was son of Joseph

- Mt 1:18-19 clear that Joseph was not Jesus father

- Mt 1:20 Joseph obeyed the instructions from God

* Mary's fetus conceived by Holy Spirit

* Parthenogenesis is biology process of female egg doubling chromosomes to create new life

x such biological process only makes female offspring

* Holy Spirit changed 2nd

X chromosome to Y chromosome

c. Everything changed when Jesus of Nazareth came into the world

d. God changed Joseph's life

2. God is Seeking My Change (vs 18-19)

a. When Joseph became betrothed (engaged) to Mary, it was an ordinary small town affair

b. Uniting of 2 poor families

- Mk 6:3 Isn't Jesus a simple carpenter?

- 2c. Then Joseph finds out Mary is pregnant
- Lk 1:58 Mary returns home to Nazareth after visiting her cousin Elizabeth for 3 months
 - This is not his child
 - Joseph is called a just man
 - Joseph planned a private divorce
 - * he did not want to shame her in a public spectacle
 - Jms 4:15 Make any human decision if the Lord wills

d. But God intervened (stepped in)
* - God speak to Joseph in a dream

3. God is Shaping a Better Plan

- God speaks to Joseph
 - God interrupts Joseph's plans
- Reassurance: do not be afraid
 - Joseph called Son of David
 - direct descendent from King Solomon
- Take Mary as your wife
 - this baby is conceived of the Holy Spirit
 - there was not another man
- Joseph to give baby name of Jesus (similar to Hebrew Joshua)
 - because Jesus will save save His people from their sins
 - Jesus fulfills prophecy found in Is 7:14

3. God Begins His Plan from Ages Past

- Prophecy fulfilled
 - Book of Isaiah written between 740-700 BC
- Heb 10:5,7 when He comes into the world... a body You have prepared... I come to do Your will
- Gal 4:4-5 when the fulness of time came, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman