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**ONE CHILD**  
**“The Birth of Jesus Christ”**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**



# The Birth of Jesus Christ



- **Setting for Matthew 1:**

1. Marriages were arranged
2. An engagement was considered 'married'
3. Both lived with their parents for ONE YEAR.
4. The waiting period: (a) Demonstrated the faithfulness of the pledge, (b) The purity of the couple.

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The background of the slide is a dark blue night sky. A large, bright yellow star with a long tail is positioned in the upper right quadrant, with several smaller white stars scattered around it. In the lower right, there are silhouettes of the Holy Family (Mary, Joseph, and Jesus) and three wise men on camels, all looking towards the bright star. The overall scene is set against a dark blue background with some faint, dotted lines suggesting a starry sky.

- **Matthew 1:18-25 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

- <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

<sup>20</sup> But **while he thought about these things**, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

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<sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

<sup>23</sup> *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,"* which is translated, "God with us."

<sup>24</sup> Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,

<sup>25</sup> and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

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The Ingredients of THE BIRTH:

## I. DEFENDING MARY :

A. The Timing: (in the one year waiting period)

B. The Purity: “before they came together”

C. The Conception: “found with child of the Holy Spirit”



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## II. DEFINING JOSEPH: “engaged to Joseph”

- A. The Honor of Joseph: (vs.19)
- B. The Openness of Joseph: (vs.20)
- C. The Assignment for Joseph: (vs.21)



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## III. DELIVERING JESUS: [Background of Isaiah 7]

A. The Incarnation: *“All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the Prophet”*

B. The Transformation: *“Immanuel...God with us”*

C. The Proclamation: *“He called His name Jesus”*

