

“THE CHRISTMAS STORY ACCORDING TO MATTHEW” (The True Meaning of Christmas – Part one – Matthew 1:18-2:23)

Fact: Each of the four Gospels give a unique description of the birth of Jesus.

I. MATTHEW DECLARES THE {VIRGIN} BIRTH OF JESUS.

*Matthew 1:18 *Matthew 1:22-23 *Isaiah 7:14 *Matthew 1:25

1. Mary was a virgin when she conceived Jesus.
2. Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus.

Note: Mary and Joseph had children after Jesus was born. (Matthew 13:53-56)

II. MATTHEW REVEALS THE CHARACTER OF {JOSEPH}.

*Matthew 1:19-21 *Matthew 1:24 *Matthew 2:13-14 *Matthew 2:19-21

1. Joseph was a godly man.
2. Joseph was an obedient man.

III. MATTHEW RECORDS THE VISIT OF THE {WISE MEN}.

*Matthew 2:1-12 *Galatians 3:28 *Isaiah 9:6 *Hebrews 7:25-26

1. These were all Gentiles.
2. These were all wealthy and intellectual.
3. These men recognized Jesus as the Messiah.

IV. MATTHEW EXALTS THE FULFILLMENT OF {PROPHECY}.

*Matthew 1:22 *Matthew 2:2 *Isaiah 9:2 *Matthew 2:5-6
*Matthew 2:13-15 *Matthew 2:16-18 *Matthew 2:23

Note: Matthew quotes Moses, Micah, Hosea, Jeremiah, and Isaiah.