

“THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SAVIOR’S BIRTH”

A. The SETTING of the Savior’s Birth (1:18a)

1. The emphasis of this passage is not on the fact of Christ’s birth, but on the _____ of it.
2. The virgin conception of Christ occurred “after His mother Mary was _____ to Joseph.”

B. The SOURCE of the Savior’s Birth (1:18b)

1. This passage explicitly states that Christ was conceived in Mary by the _____, not by _____.
2. This virgin-conception was necessary to _____ prophecy; yet Christ’s humanity was necessary to be _____. (Heb. 2:9)

C. The SUPERNATURAL REVELATION of the Savior’s Birth (1:19-21)

1. Joseph’s initial response was to privately _____ Mary.
2. An angel of the Lord instructed Joseph that Mary had conceived by the _____, that he would have a _____, and the child’s name would be _____.

** What is the significance of this name?*

** Why did Jesus Christ come?*

D. The SCRIPTURAL PREDICTION of the Savior's Birth (1:22-23)

1. The virgin birth of Christ literally fulfilled the prophecy of _____.

** What does the Greek word for "virgin" (parthenos) mean?*

2. This child "Jesus" who is the "Christ" was also "Immanuel," meaning _____.

E. The SPECIFIC EVENT of the Savior's Birth (1:24-25; Luke 2:1-7)

1. God in His sovereignty directed Joseph and Mary to the city of _____ for Christ to be born. (Micah 5:2)

2. Though Christ was born a King, He was born in a _____, and wrapped in _____.