

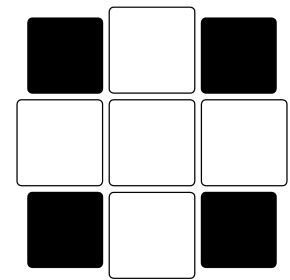
A Substituting Savior

Scripture: **Matthew 1:18-25**

Series: **A Lowly and Glorious Birth**

Sunday, December 07, 2014

Corroborating Texts: Isaiah 7; 9:6; Mark 2:5; Romans 9:5;
Hebrews 2:9; 4:15



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Overview

Christ came, born of the virgin, fully human and fully God, to be our substitute.

Discussion Questions

1. Before his dream, Joseph found himself in a complex dilemma. What was the dilemma, and how might you have responded if you were put in a similar situation? Would your response be similar to his or different?
2. What is the significance of the virgin birth? Why was the virgin birth necessary? What does it say about who Jesus is?
3. Have you heard that people question the virgin birth? Why do you suppose they do this? What is the point in challenging this doctrine? What does this say about the age in which we live?
4. Look at Isaiah 9:6. Observe each of the names ascribed to Christ. What do we distinctly learn from each title attributed to him?
5. Christmas time is a difficult time for many people. How can you be sensitive to hurting people during this time of season? What are some ways in which you can meet the needs of those who are suffering or in pain during Christmas?
6. Christmas time is a season that should stir a response within us: repentance, worship, awe, and peace are all responses to this season. Which of these responses do you feel most urged to express right now? Why?