

Matthew 2 – Behold the Virgin Shall Conceive

**Matthew 1:18-25**

***Fallen Condition Focus (FCF): We are utterly dependent upon Jehovah to save us***

**Why does the Virgin Birth matter?**

**Point 1 – Jesus is the new Adam**

- The covenant of works
- **Hosea 6:7** But like Adam they transgressed the covenant; there they dealt faithlessly with me.
- Adam was our federal head – federal government, representative, declaration of war
- **WSC 1:18** Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate wherein man fell? A. The sinfulness of that estate wherein man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.
- **1 Corinthians 15:21-22** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

**Point 2 – Jesus is divine**

- Why did God become a man?
- What is the purpose of the incarnation?
  - An infinite offense requires an infinite satisfaction
  - Offense of a crime is based upon who it is committed against, higher the creature, higher the crime
- **Hebrews 10:4-12** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure...every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.
- **1 Peter 1:18-19** you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

**Point 3 – Jehovah saves**

- God steps into the creation in a supernatural way in order to redeem it
- We live in a world with very little interest in God
- The virgin birth is attested by the scriptures and what it says to us is that:
  - You can't do it – can't pull yourself up by the boot strap
  - Only God can come in and clean up the mess that Adam made, that you and I make
- There is no room for pride when you have to admit total dependency on another