

Matthew 1:18-25

Where Did He Come From?

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Verse 18a

- A stunning announcement of an awesome event
- Jesus the Christ

Jesus (Latin) = *Iesous* (Greek)

Jeshua (Hebrew) 'Jehovah is salvation'

Jehosua (Hebrew) 'He will surely save'

Christ = *Christos* (Greek) = *Messiah* (Hebrew)

"The anointed one"

Jesus is the Christ!

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- A stunning announcement of an awesome event
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- Pledged in marriage
 - Betrothal ceremony
(Waiting period)
 - Taking bride to husband's home

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Verse 18b-19

- An Unexpected and Problematic Pregnancy

Two options to break the marriage bonds:

- Accuse of immorality and initiate lawsuit
- An amicable divorce: issue a 'bill of divorcement'

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Verse 18b-19

Verse 20-23

- God intervenes!

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Verse 24,25

- Joseph responds in faith and obedience

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Application

- Who are we to pick and choose?
 - As long as it is clearly revealed in Scripture I accept it. All of it.
 - Reject it all or accept it all – but don't arrogantly pick and choose.

If Jesus and the writers of the bible were either deceived or intentionally deceptive, why pay any attention at all?

 - The believer's stance: Romans 11:33,34

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- God intervenes in the affairs of men!
 - A believer is always on the lookout for God's intervention – His 'plan c' ...
...the 'Immanuel experience'!
 - Isaiah 55:9 Jeremiah 29:11
 - Joseph and Mary's response: a pattern for us.

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- Who are we to pick and choose?
- God intervenes in the affairs of men!
- Upon this truth your salvation depends.
 - Forgiveness of sin is based on a sinless substitute paying the penalty for the guilty
Rom 6:23; Heb 9:22; Rom 3:23; I Cor 5:21
Rom 3:25,26 – God solves ‘the problem of the ages’
 - Jesus had to be human to die (God cannot die)
Jesus had to be sinless (only God is without sin) for his death to help anyone else.
 - If Jesus were not God and man there is no forgiveness

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I bring you glad tidings of great joy!
Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been
born to you – He is Christ the Lord!

Hark! The herald angels sing!