



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew

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Lesson 4: Chapter 1:18-25

The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ

1. Overview: Importance of the Incarnation of the Word of God

- a. The virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is a fundamental of Christianity
- b. Arguments against this clear testimony of scripture are aimed at opposition to miracles
- c. There is a direct relationship between doubting this truth & a diminishing of Christ's deity

2. Pre-Incarnation

- a. Theophany. Pre-incarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ
- b. God is invisible, but the Son is the image – Jn1:1-3; Col1:15; Jn1:18
- c. The fourth person in the fire with Daniel & co. - Dan3:25
- d. The LORD appeared with two men at Abraham's tent – Gen18
- e. "the angel of the LORD" some say is a theophany – Ex3:2-6; Gen32:24-30; Cf. Hos12:3-5

3. Pre-Conception

- a. "angel of the Lord" was Gabriel, who gave the prophecy to Daniel – Dan9:21; Lu1:19,26
 - i. Angel. Messenger; a spiritual being employed by God to communicate his will
 - ii. Below God, above men (Heb2:6-9,16); Holy/Evil (Jude6; Rev12:7-9)
 - iii. Wingless men (Gen18:1-2,20-22; Heb13:2; Mk12:25; Rev21:17)
 - iv. Winged women = wickedness (Zech5:5-11)
 - v. Also referred to as "stars" – Rev1:20; 9:1; Judg5:20
 - vi. Division. Sadducees did not believe in them, Pharisees did – Ac23:8
 - vii. **But Now**: Satan is transformed as an angel of light w/ ministers – 2Cor11:13-15
- b. Zacharias. A Levite serving during the *course of Abia* (or *Abijah*) – 1Chr24:1-19
 - i. Tabernacle Service. Levites: Gershonites, Kohathites & Merarites – Nu26:57
 - ii. Courses. Established by David, implemented by Solomon – 1Chr28:13; Cf. 2Chr5:11; 8:14
- c. John the Baptist. Conceived & born prior to his cousin Christ by 6 mos. – Lu1:5-13, 19-36

4. Mary and The Conception

- a. RC errors abound: "immaculate concept.", "ever-virgin", "assumption" (CCC 490, 499, 966)
- b. Immaculate conception. She gave a sin offering for her purification – Lev12:1-8; Lu2:22; Rom3:23
- c. Ever-virgin. Jesus was Mary's "firstborn" & had other children – Mt1:25; 13:55-56; Lu8:19; Jn2:12; 7:5; Ac1:14; "James the Lord's brother" – Gal1:19; 1Cor15:7
- d. Assumption. A doctrine taught no sooner than 1950, which is found nowhere in scripture
- e. "before they came together" an espousal meant she was promised in marriage to Joseph
- f. Bill of Divorcement. See Deu22:21-24; 24:1-4
- g. "a just man" one who is mindful of and seeks to follow God's law from the heart – Eze18:5
- h. "publick example" while lawful, he chose differently than the scribes & Pharisees – Jn8:3-7
- i. "dream" (87x total) appears 6x in this book (prophetic) – Deu13:1-5; Jer23:32; Cf. 1Cor14:37; Mt2:12,13,19,22; 27:19

5. The Name of Israel's Salvation

- a. Jesus = Savior | Christ (Gr.) or Messiah (Heb.) = anointed "Jesus Christ" | "Christ Jesus"
- b. "save his people from their sins" – Isa45:5; Lu1:68; Jn4:22; Ac4:12; 5:28-32; Cf. Rom11:11,26-27
- c. "God with us" not ful. until their "new Jerusalem" comes – Jn1:14; Rev21:1; Cf. 1Cor3:16



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A Biblical Projection of Christ's Birth						
#	Hebrew	English	Course	Names		
			1Chr24:1-19			
1	Abib	Mar-Apr	1	Jehoiarib		
			2	Jedaiah		
2	Zif	Apr-May	3	Harim		
			4	Seorim		
3	Sivan	May-Jun	5	Malchijah		
			6	Mijamin		
4	Thammuz	Jun-Jul	7	Hakkoz		
			8	Abijah		
Zecharias' Course (Lu1:5-9)						
5	Abib	Jul-Aug	9	Jeshua	1	Elisabeth Conceives (Lu1:24)
			10	Shecaniah		
6	Elul	Aug-Sep	11	Eliashib	2	
			12	Jakim		
7	Ethanim	Sep-Oct	13	Huppah	3	
			14	Jeshebeab		
8	Bul	Oct-Nov	15	Bilgah	4	
			16	Immer		
9	Chisleu	Nov-Dec	17	Hezir	5	
			18	Aphses		
10	Tebeth	Dec-Jan	19	Pethahiah	6	
			20	Jehezekel		
Mary Conceives (Lu1:26-37)						
11	Shebat	Jan-Feb	21	Jachin	7	1
			22	Gamul		
12	Adar	Feb-Mar	23	Delaiah	8	2
			24	Maaziah		
John's Birth (Lu1:56-65)						
1	Abib	Mar-Apr	1	Jehoiarib	9	3
			2	Jedaiah		
2	Zif	Apr-May	3	Harim	4	
			4	Seorim		
3	Sivan	May-Jun	5	Malchijah	5	
			6	Mijamin		
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Feast of
Tabernacles
Lev23:34



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Book: Matthew	Differences That Effect Meaning (Taken from: Evaluating Versions of the NT – by Everett W. Fowler, 1980)
*	Omissions downgrading the Lord Jesus Christ
1:25*	Omit: <i>her firstborn</i>
5:22	Omit: <i>without a cause</i>
6:1	<i>Righteousness</i> , instead of <i>alms</i>
6:4	Omit: <i>openly</i>
6:6	Omit: <i>openly</i>
6:18	Omit: <i>openly</i>
7:13	Omit: (<i>for wide is</i>) <i>the gate</i>
9:8	<i>were afraid</i> , instead of, <i> marvelled</i>
9:36	<i>harassed</i> , instead of, <i>fainted</i>
11:8	Omit: <i>raiment</i>
12:6*	<i>something greater</i> , instead of, <i>one greater</i>
13:35	Omit: (<i>foundation</i>) of the world
13:44	Omit: <i>all</i>
14:9	Omit: <i>nevertheless</i>
16:3	Omit: <i>O ye hypocrites</i>
17:20	<i>little faith</i> , instead of, <i>unbelief</i>
18:15	Omit: <i>against thee</i>
19:16*	Omit: <i>Good</i>
19:17*	<i>Why askest thou Me concerning the good? One is good</i> , instead of, <i>Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but one, that is, God</i>
20:26	<i>it is not</i> , instead of, <i>it shall not be</i>
20:34	Omit: <i>their eyes (received sight)</i>
22:7	Omit: <i>heard</i>
23:19	Omit: <i>fools and</i>
23:38	Omit: <i>desolate</i>
24:7	Omit: <i>and pestilences</i>
24:31	Omit: <i>sound</i>
24:36*	Add: <i>neither the Son (but my Father)</i>
24:48	Omit: <i>his coming</i>
25:31	Omit: <i>holy</i>
26:28*	Omit: <i>new</i>
26:42	Omit: <i>cup</i>
26:59	Omit: <i>and elders</i>
27:34	<i>wine</i> , instead of, <i>vinegar</i>
27:42	Omit: <i>If</i>
27:64	Omit: <i>by night</i>