Born of a Virgin

Matthew 1:18-25

Introduction: the importance of the "virgin birth"

- Genesis 3:14-15
- Isaiah 7:14
- Daniel 2:34, 45
- Luke 1:26-35

I. Mary and Joseph were Betrothed v. 18

A. Betrothal was phase 1 of marriage

B. Consummation was phase 2 of marriage

C. Mary was pregnant before phase 2

II. Joseph was Minded to Quietly Divorce v. 19

A. He was a righteous man

B. He didn't want to make a public example

III. The Angel Informed Joseph vv. 20-21

A. Joseph should take Mary

B. Her conception was of the Holy Spirit

C. She would have a Son

D. He will be Jesus, the Savior

IV. The Fulfillment of Prophecy vv. 22-23

A. Isaiah 7:14

B. Im - with, manu - us, el - God

V. The Follow-through of Joseph vv. 24-25

A. He took Mary to himself

B. He did not "know" her until after Jesus was born