

Incarnation

When Jesus Became Man

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The Dual Nature of Jesus:

Jesus is _____.

Son of David

Son of Abraham

Jesus is _____.

Joseph and Mary's Engagement

Mary's Pregnancy

Joseph's Reaction

God's Intervention

The Virgin Birth

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Read through the genealogy in Matthew 1. How does this emphasize the human lineage of Jesus? What does this tell us about his connection to mankind?
2. What is the significance of including key figures like Abraham, David, and others in Jesus' genealogy? How do these individuals highlight the humanity of Jesus?
3. How does the genealogy affirm Jesus' Jewish heritage? Why is this important for understanding his role as the Messiah?
4. Why is the title "Son of David" significant in Matthew's presentation of Jesus' genealogy? How does this title affirm both Jesus' human and Messianic nature?
5. What is the significance of the virgin birth in affirming the divine nature of Jesus? How does this miracle set him apart from all others in human history?
6. In Matthew 1:18, it says that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. What does this reveal about his divine origin and his identity as both fully God and fully man?
7. Read Isaiah 7:14. How does Matthew's reference to this passage affirm Jesus' divine nature? What does "Immanuel" (God with us) reveal about who Jesus is?
8. How does the angel's message to Joseph demonstrate God's direct involvement in bringing about the incarnation? What does this teach about the divine purpose behind Jesus' birth?
9. The angel tells Joseph to name the child "Jesus" because he will save his people from their sins. How does this name reflect his divine mission and authority?