

## *A Child of Suspicious Circumstance*

(Matthew 1:18-25)

- 1) Jesus' birth involved an appearance of sexual scandal. (1:18)
  
- 2) Jesus' birth involved actual social shame. (1:19)
  
- 3) Jesus' birth involved an angel's secret strategy. (1:20-21)
  
- 4) Jesus' birth involved an arranged special status. (1:22-23)
  
- 5) Jesus' birth involved an answer of simple submission. (1:24-25)