

## **THE MIRACLE CHILD**

Matthew 1:18-23 / 12-13-20 / AM

### **I. WHAT REASONS DO WE HAVE FOR BELIEVING THE VIRGIN BIRTH?**

- A. It was predicted in the Old Testament--**Isaiah 7:14**--...**The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.**
1. Prophecies often have dual meanings (for that day and for a future day, too).
  2. The Hebrew word "*almah*," although, not the normal word for virgin, never is used to refer to a married woman (Isaiah 7:14).
- B. It was reported in the New Testament--Matthew 1:18-20; Luke 1:34-35.
- C. It was claimed by Jesus who often referred to Himself as God's Son.

### **II. SECOND, WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH?**

- A. First, because of it, we know of Jesus' preexistence --John 1:1;14).
- B. Second, because of it we know of Jesus' sinless nature that made Him a worthy sacrifice for our sins--Psalm 51:5; 2 Corinthians 5:21.
- C. Third, because of it we know Jesus is the Messiah and Savior—Luke 2:11.
- D. Fourth, because of it, we experience God's presence in our lives--Matthew 1:23