



# The Grove

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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 12.01.24 Pulpit Curriculum

## The Glorious Anticipation of Jesus Christ

Main passage: Matt 1:18-25

God has written a divine book that reveals His purposeful plan throughout all of redemptive history. As we become more aware of God's plan of redemption through His Son Jesus Christ, we are led to trust & follow His Word and to worship Him.

### 1) A Great Man – Joseph :

- Mary was betrothed (committed) to Joseph, but their marriage had not yet been consummated when she was found with child. Joseph certainly felt betrayed in his confusion of what appeared to be fornication with another man. Joseph was a “just” and honorable man of mercy and compassion, and so he sought to quietly and privately divorce Mary. Joseph was sober minded, and after a visitation from angels, yielded to God's purposes, submitting to the will of God to remain with Mary.

A. Describe how Joseph's response was honorable and right. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Are you living according to the glory of the Lord? How is your life characterized by a concern with what others think of you or what God knows about you?  
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### 2) A Foundational Truth – The Virgin Birth (The Divine Conception)

- Jesus was conceived by a divine intervention in His conception through the Holy Spirit.
  - A key to interpreting Scripture narrative is through finding repetition (v18 with child from the Holy Spirit, v19 just man, v19 put her away quietly, v20 conceived by the Holy Spirit, v23 a virgin).

The virgin birth is an essential doctrine of the Christian faith:

- To fulfill prophecy – Isaiah 7:14
- To ensure His sinlessness – sin is passed down from the seed of the father, but Christ had no earthly father ((Gen 3:15; Gal 4:4 ).
- To authenticate His divinity – Jesus and the Father are One, God true God, (John 10:30; John 8:58; John 14:9, 1 Cor 2:8).
- To explain His unique life and ministry – the Person, work, and words of Jesus Christ



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- To set Christ apart for a divine mission – one Man dying for the redemption of His saints and adoption as sons in Christ Jesus
- C. In your own words, describe why the virgin birth is such an essential Christian doctrine. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. Consider 2 Cor 11:2 and the Church as the pure, chaste Bride. How is Christ's Bride made ready for His return?  
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- E. What are some implications of the fulfilled prophecy in Jesus Christ's advent? Provide chapter/verse and take a moment to meditate on these truths. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 3) A Wonderful Savior – Jesus Christ

- His very name, "Savior," speaks to the importance of His mission to save – "God who saves." We are unable to overcome the weight, brokenness, and burden of our sin. No amount of good deeds can outweigh our sin. Jesus came, sinless, tempted as we are, and endured the wrath of God, all to redeem us and to give us His righteousness. Jesus is the only way to bridge the chasm between us, the sinner, and the holy God
- Emmanuel – God with Us.
- F. Define biblical repentance. \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Define true biblical faith. \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Can you defend gospel clarity, confidence, and conviction? How does your walk reflect GC3? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- I. Who are you sharing the gospel with for the hope of their salvation? Take time to pray for them now. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Louis Berkhof "The doctrine of the two natures in one person transcends human reason. It is the expression of a supersensible reality, and of an incomprehensible mystery, which has no analogy in the life of a man as we know it, and finds no support in the human reason, and therefore can only be accepted by faith on the authority of the Word of God."