

Lesson 2: The virgin birth

Matthew shows that Jesus is not only qualified to be the Messiah, but that he actually IS the Messiah. But he is a different Messiah than what the Jews were expecting.

Matthew 1:16-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ[a] took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed[b] to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Jesus fulfilled the sign they were looking for. (virgin birth)

Jesus is a better Messiah than the Jews could possibly have imagined.
(God with us)

Jesus will save his people in a better way than they were expecting.