



# The Christmas Present

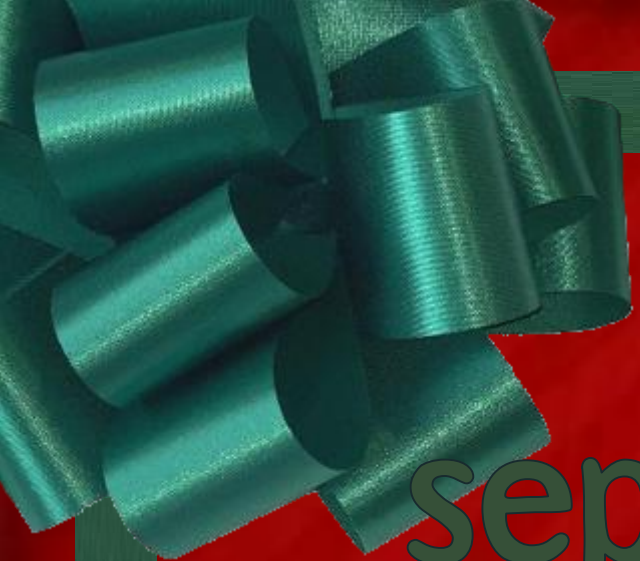


The way in which  
the Word became flesh  
became flesh  
is through the amazing  
miracle of the virgin birth



Instead of proceeding  
with **marrying Mary**,  
Joseph intended to secretly  
sign **divorce papers**,  
to reduce public shame





“Betrothal” =


separation or sanctification

(it was an act of setting aside  
a particular woman for a  
particular man)

John 10:27-30




# The Virgin Birth




The Book of Matthew  
starts off by tracing Jesus'  
genealogy from Abraham  
eventually to King David  
and finally to Joseph

II Samuel 7:8-17





There needed to be a  
direct claim to the throne  
and as this genealogy in  
Mathew points out,  
Joseph's heir had a claim



Joseph staying in the  
picture kept the claim  
to the throne intact  
(Jesus was without sin  
and still legal king)





Matthew 1:18

John 1:1-5, 14

Revelation 1:8

Revelation 22:13



“Was found” is where  
we get the term “Eureka” -  
this is a cry for joy  
or satisfaction when one  
finds or discovers something



“Found to be with Child”  
is a **passive verb** in the Greek,  
which means this activity occurred  
**outside** of her involvement  
(she was with child due to no  
action of her own)

Matthew 1:19






“Being a righteous man”  
this does NOT speak of  
perfection – this simply speaks  
of the overall direction of  
Joseph’s life



“Disgrace” = to openly  
make a show; to boldly point  
out; to expose by making a  
public spectacle, causing  
intense shame

Matthew 1:20-21



Jesus has legitimate  
and legal claim to the  
Throne of King David  
(Jesus is the promised  
**FOREVER King**)