**Complications from the Virgin Birth**
Matthew 1:18-25

**I. The Possibility of Mary’s Rejection – v18-19**

A. The legal case for rejection was A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - v18.

 1. What was the relationship between Mary & Joseph?

 2. When did Mary’s pregnancy become obvious?
 – Luke 1:36-39 & 56

 3. How could Joseph have reacted? – Matthew 1:2-16

B. What were Joseph’s options? – v19

1. He was a R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man
 - Deuteronomy 24:1-4.

2. He was a M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man.

 a. The Law of Infidelity – Deuteronomy 22:20-21.

 b. The Bill of Divorce without Stating Cause
 - Deuteronomy 24:1.

3. What would you have done?

**II The Necessity of God’s Revelation – v20-23**

A. God honors those who H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Him!
 - I Samuel 2:20; John 12:26

 1. How did God solve this problem?

 2. What does God do for those who ponder His will?
 - Matthew 2:12-13 & 27:19

B. What was the revelation?

 1. “Joseph, son of David” – v20.

 2. “Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife” – v20.

 3. “What is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit” – v20.

 a. Emmanuel = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 b. “Nature shows God A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us;

 the Law shows God A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us;

 the Gospel shows God is W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us!”

 4. “You are to give Him the name ‘Jesus’, because He will

 S\_­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His people from their sins.”
 v21 & Romans 6:23.

**III. The Privilege of Mary’s Reinstatement – v24-25**

A. What did Joseph do immediately after he heard God speak? – v24

B. Joseph accepted God as H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! – v25

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