

Sunday, December 19, 2021
"Jesus Christ, Our Hope"
Summary of the Origin of Jesus, our Immanuel
Matthew 1:18-25
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Matthew features the story of Jesus' birth – but more, for his birth is merely the beginning. Matthew so describes the beginning of Jesus' life that it foreshadows much of the rest of his life. But a close reading show that we are not yet considering the birth itself, narrowly conceived. It is more the story of the virgin conception of Jesus, as the eternal Son of God becomes a man. God's Spirit forms the human baby in the womb of a virgin. His angel tells Joseph and Mary all they need to know to care for this child who was, months later, born into their family. Matthew's account describes more than a birth. Matthew wrote his account so all may know the origin and conception of this virgin-born child named Jesus.

