



WHAT GETS GOD'S ATTENTION?

Matthew 1:18-25

Why is the Virgin Birth important to the Christian faith? Jesus Christ, God's Son, had to be free from the sinful nature passed on to all other human beings by Adam. Because Jesus was born of a woman, He was fully human; but as the Son of God, Jesus was born without any trace of human sin. **Jesus is both fully human and fully God.** Incarnation.

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1) Mary- _____

Luke 1:46-48 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

My next step _____

2) Joseph- _____ Matt. 1:19

Righteousness: _____ and _____

Your _____ is the measure of your trust in God.

Your _____ is the measure of how much God can trust you.

My next step _____

Titus 3:4-7 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

God takes notice of our humility and righteousness.



1. How did your parents meet? Do you know their proposal/engagement/wedding story?
2. Do you know how your parents picked your name?
3. Read Matthew 1:18-25. Imagine you are Mary or Joseph in verse 18 and 19. What might be going through your mind?
4. What does the Bible say about Joseph's character in verse 19? How do his actions (v 24-25) reveal his character?
5. How does the angel address Joseph in verse 20? How is this significant?
6. Now imagine being Joseph in verses 20-21. How would you feel? What would you say to your family and friends? What might you say to God?
7. Turn to Luke 2:26-38 and read about Jesus' earthly mother, Mary. What words describe her in these verses? (27-28)
8. How did she respond to the angel's message? (v 38) What does this reveal about her character?
9. What is the difference between righteousness and self-righteousness? How can we avoid becoming like the Pharisees?
10. How do we recognize humility in people around us?
11. For personal reflection: How do you struggle with pride in your life? How can you serve and selflessly love others in your life to become someone who gets God's attention because of righteousness and humility?