

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

29. 05. 16

Theme: The Story of the Incarnation.

Memory verses: *“John chapter one verses one and fourteen: In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God und the word was God .And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace und truth”.*

Text: Mathew 1:18-25.

“The word was made flesh“. Here is the scriptural proof of the incarnation of Christ a fact that can not be denied, linked with the virgin birth. The doctrine of the virgin birth teaches us that Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God was miraculously conceived by the Virgin Mary. Prophetically, this was foretold in the Old Testament and became literally fulfilled in the New Testament. As the story begins, we behold first, the humility of Christ, (Matthew 1:18) in the way He chose to come. Secondly was the virginity of Mary (Matthew 1: 18, 23). God was the first to unveil the virgin birth of Christ, when He referred to Him as the seed of the woman (Genesis 3: 15). This referred indirectly to the fact that Christ would be conceived by a woman who has never known a man.

The prophet Isaiah in his prophecy had proclaimed these, more than seven hundred years earlier “Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son (Isaiah 7: 14). The word virgin, as used by Isaiah particularly in the case of Mary, could not have meant anything else other than pure and untouched woman, who has not known a man. Therefore the announcement became a surprise to Mary:” How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” (Luke 1: 34). Matthew narrated that at the time of this event, Mary had already been espoused to Joseph (Matthew 1: 23-25).

The third truth in the story of the incarnation was the devotedness of Joseph. When Mary was found pregnant without fornication, Joseph believed God’s Vision through the angel and never touched her until Jesus was born. The scriptures would not have qualified Joseph as a just man and it would have been unlawful for him to put her away (Malachi 2: 14-16). All these explanations from the scriptures make the story of the Incarnation true. Jesus Christ is truly a “Spirit — being and came in form of man“. Amen!!!