**Read: Matthew 1:18-24**

**1. Joseph is a Man**

Isaiah 7:13-14

Isaiah 9:6-7

Isa 11:1-5

**2. The of Christ**

Immanuel

Isa 7:14

John 1:14-18

Matthew 28:20

John 14:16-17

**Read: Matthew 2: 1-12**

**1. Matthew deals with the question, if it’s Jesus of Nazareth, wasn’t the Messiah to be born in Bethlehem?**

Micah 5:2

R.T France: “Matthew agrees with Luke on the basic elements: a betrothed couple called Mary and Joseph, the latter of Davidic descent; conception through the Holy Spirit without human intercourse; angelic revelation of the name Jesus; birth in Bethlehem in the reign of Herod; upbringing in Nazareth. Beyond this essential story line the accounts simply do not overlap, Luke focusing on the experience of May and Matthew on those of Joseph.”

**2. The visit from the Magi (Wise men)**

There seems to be a contradiction between Luke and Matthew as to where the wisemen visited Mary, Joseph and the baby

Matthew places Jesus in a manger which as westerners we presume is in a stable (ch. 2)

**6***And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.*

**7***She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.*

**12***And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”*

Luke places Jesus in a house (2:11)

**11***They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*

R. T. France writes, “It has becoming increasingly recognized that the “stable” owes more to Western misunderstanding than to Luke, who speaks only of a “manger.” In a normal Palestinian home of the period the mangers would be found not in a separate building but on the edge of the raised family living area where the animals, who were brought into the lower section of the one-room house at night, could conveniently reach them.

**Read Matthew 2:13-18**

**3. God’s Son brought out of -***“I called my Son out of Egypt.”* (vs 14)

- Matthew records all of this to verify that Hosea 11:1 *“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt.”*, has been fulfilled.

**Read Matthew 2:19-23**

**4. A Messiah**