

A woman wearing a white headscarf is shown from the chest up, holding a baby. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered over the image.

# **Christmas Starts with a Baby**

**(Matthew 1:18-25)**

**How Do You Start Christmas? No. 2**

# Christmas Starts with a Tree

**First Ornament: Symmetry**  
**Second Ornament: Universality**  
**Third Ornament: Grace**

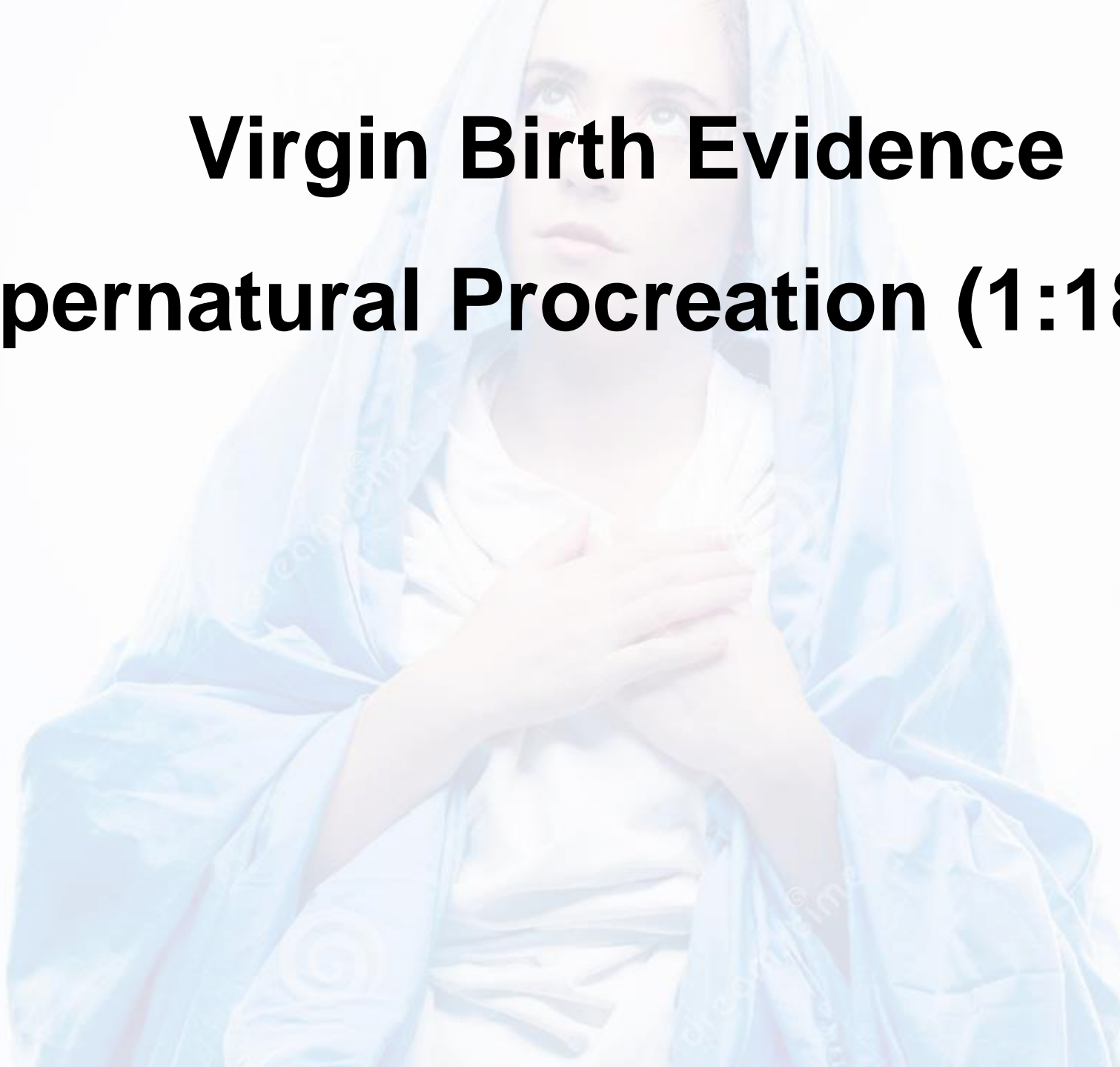



## **Matthew 1:18 (NIV)**

**“This is how the birth  
of Jesus Christ came about:  
His mother Mary  
was pledged to be married to Joseph,  
but before they came together,  
she was found to be  
with child through the Holy Spirit.”**

# Virgin Birth Evidence

1. **Supernatural Procreation (1:18-19)**
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- 4.





# Matthew 1:19a (NIV)

**“Because Joseph her husband  
was a righteous man....”**

# Two Options:

- **Public accusation**
- **Divorce quietly**





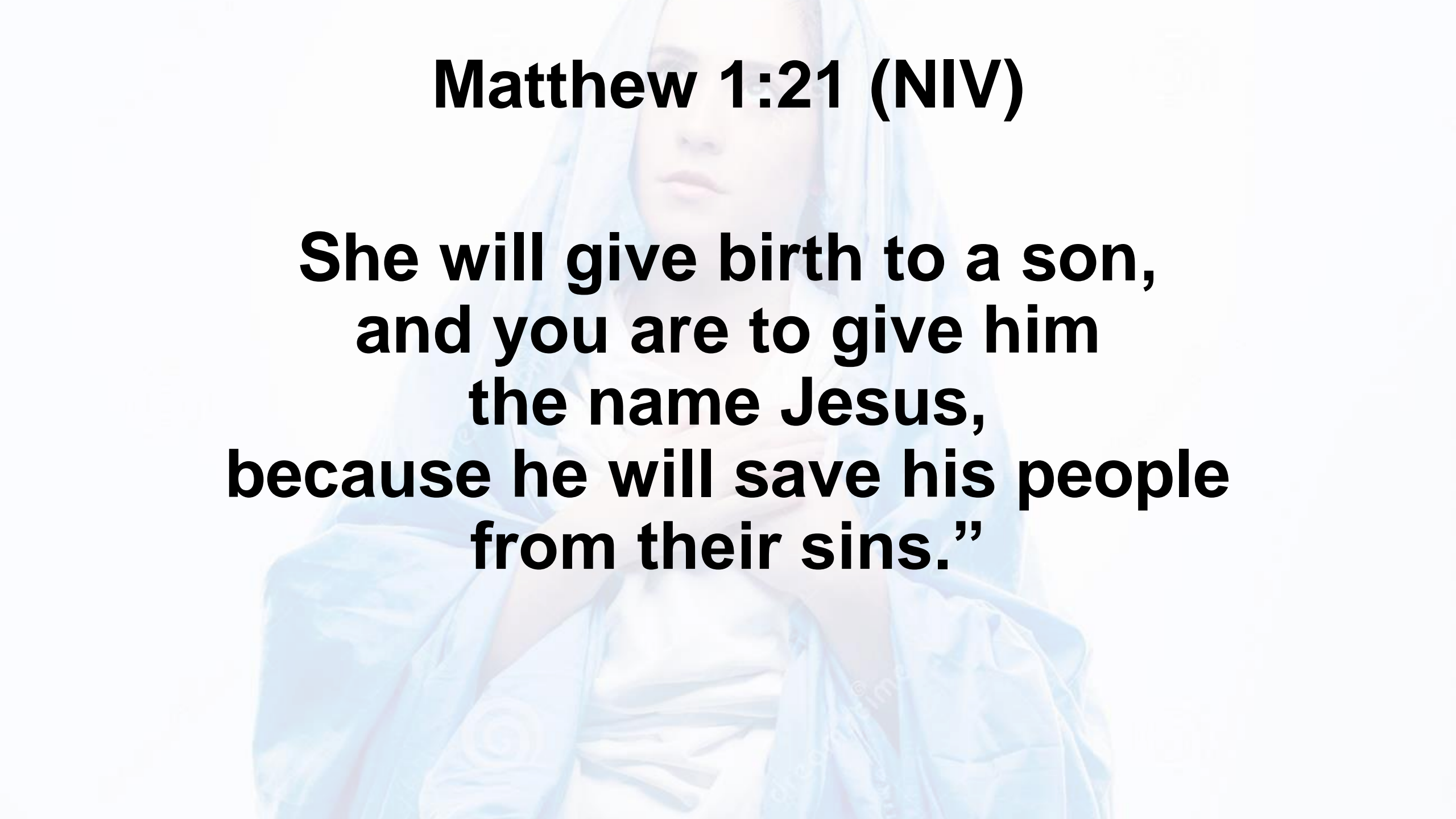
## **Matthew 1:19 (NIV)**

**“Because Joseph her husband  
was a righteous man  
and did not want to expose her  
to public disgrace,  
he had in mind  
to divorce her quietly.**

## **Matthew 1:20 (NIV)**

**“But after he had considered this,  
an angel of the Lord appeared to him  
in a dream and said,  
“Joseph son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary home  
as your wife,  
because what is conceived in her  
is from the Holy Spirit.”**



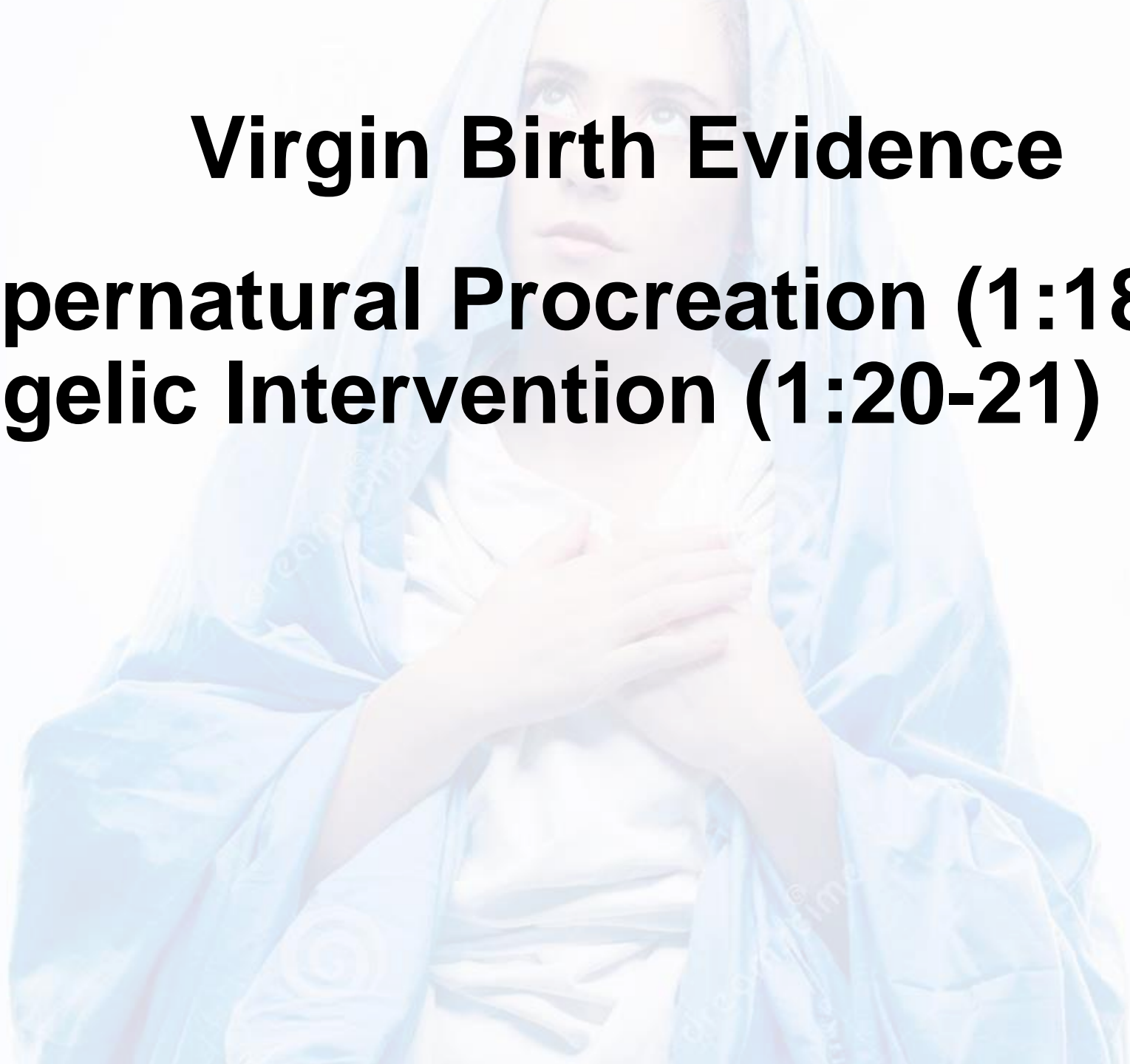
A woman wearing a white headscarf and a blue jacket is shown from the chest up. She has a serious, contemplative expression and is looking downwards. Her hands are clasped in front of her. The background is a plain, light color.

## **Matthew 1:21 (NIV)**

**She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to give him  
the name Jesus,  
because he will save his people  
from their sins.”**

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## **Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)**

**All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:**  
**<sup>23</sup> “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” —which means, “God with us.”**

A woman wearing a light blue headscarf and a white top is shown from the chest up. She is looking upwards and to the right with a contemplative expression. Her hands are clasped together in front of her chest. The background is a plain, light color.

**“pregnant virgin”**

# Virgin Birth Evidence

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- 2. Angelic Intervention (1:20-21)**
- 3. Scriptural Confirmation (1:22-23)**
- 4.**

## **Matthew 1:24-25 (NIV)**

**“When Joseph woke up,  
he did what the angel of the Lord  
had commanded him  
and took Mary home as his wife.  
<sup>25</sup> But he had no union with her  
until she gave birth to a son.  
And he gave him the name Jesus.”**



# Virgin Birth Evidence

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- 4. Pre-birth Purity (1:24-25)**

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A woman is shown from the chest up, wrapped in a light blue blanket. She has a thoughtful or slightly sad expression, looking off to the side. Her hands are clasped together in front of her chest. The background is a plain, light color.

- 1. Appreciate a step dad.**
- 2. Love your wife.**
- 3. Embrace the ridicule.**

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