# The Magic Of Christmas

Scripture: Matthew 1:22-23 Luke 1:43

#### Introduction

The Christmas season seems to have a magical air about it. Children are delighted with it. Adults seem to be changed into more compassionate, understanding individuals. A festive air penetrates homes and businesses. The festivities are everywhere.

The Christmas "magic" is the result of the miracle of the birth of Jesus Christ, the wonderful miracles of his ministry, and the miracle of his death and resurrection.

#### I. The miracle of his birth

**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

- A. Proclaimed by the prophet
- B. Predicted by an angel

<u>Luke 1:30-31</u> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

- C. The miraculous conception
  - Not a "spontaneous fertilization" of the ovum
    - a. A biological impossibility
    - b. Could only bear a female child
  - 2. The product of the Holy Spirit
- D. Announced by an angelic choir

## II. The miracle of his life

<u>Luke 1:32a</u> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest....

- A. The miracle at His baptism
- B. The miracles of his ministry
  - 1. The feeding of the five thousand
  - 2. The healing of Bartimaeus
  - 3. The demoniac of Gadara

- 4. The sea calmed
- C. The miracle of his sinlessness

### III. The miracle of his death and resurrection

<u>Luke 2:30</u> For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

- A. Died according to Isaiah 53
- B. Resurrected the third day
- C. Ascended to God forty days after his resurrection