

The Virgin Birth

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Matthew 1:18-25.
- B. The question that Matthew was concerned with is, who was Jesus Christ?
- C. Belief in the virgin birth is faltering. We should never base our belief off majority opinion.
- D. Denying the virgin birth is denying Jesus' Incarnation. Jesus is God in human flesh.
- E. No birth in human history is as singularly spectacular as the virgin birth.
- F. There are five important features to the virgin birth.

II. Conceived.

- A. Mary was impregnated by the Holy Spirit.
- B. Mary believed without historical precedent. (John 18:25)
- C. The Spirit protected Mary who could have been accused of infidelity. (Deuteronomy 22:13)
- D. Jesus had to be born of man and born of God to be both. (Genesis 3:17, Galatians 4)

III. Confronted. Joseph was a just and righteous man who sought to respond quietly to the news of Mary's conception to keep her safe.

IV. Clarified. An angel spoke to Joseph and affirmed that the baby in Mary's womb was conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 31:42)

V. Connected.

- A. The virgin birth is connect to the Old Testament.
- B. The virgin birth is not an afterthought—it is predicted by God. (Isaiah 7:14)

VI. Consummated.

- A. Jesus was born, God in the flesh.
- B. He assumed our nature and bore our transgressions.

Application Questions:

1. Why is belief in the virgin birth so important?

2. How does Isaiah 7:14 connect the virgin birth to the Old Testament?

3. How is God's sovereign hand evident in the events surrounding the virgin birth? Explain.
