

Virgin Birth

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Luke 1:34 (ESV)

Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

Christmas is very much centered around the virgin birth of Jesus. The virgin birth was puzzling to Mary and may be puzzling to us! However the virgin birth is critical to the redemption of mankind. The virgin birth was in God's mind at the very beginning of time! There was a preacher (Rob Bell) who became fairly well known for his creative emphasis on the relational aspect of God while not worrying about the details of the absolute truth of the Bible. He had some good material. Then I read that one of the biblical truths he thought we could ignore was the virgin birth. I immediately thought, "He is way off base and will ultimately deny the basic principles of the Christian faith." He did and now in most Christian circles he has been denounced as a false teacher. To see why the virgin birth of Christ is important we need to go back to Genesis and its First Mention! Here we have God condemning Satan because he tempted Adam and Eve.

Gen.3:15 (NASB)

And I (God) will put enmity between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your (Satan's) seed and **her (woman's) seed**; He (woman's seed) shall bruise you (Satan) on the head, and you (Satan) shall bruise him (woman's seed) on the heel.

Biblically when talking about human offspring the word seed is used. In fact most modern translations use the term offspring for the literal word seed.

Biblically the seed always comes from the man! However in Gen.3:15 the seed comes from the woman. What we have here is the first mention of the virgin birth. From a woman without the participation of a man is seed, a child going to come. This seed, this child, is Satan's foe and will give Satan a fatal head blow.

In Isaiah we learn more about the seed, the child of this virgin birth.

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, **the virgin shall conceive** and bear a son, and shall call **his name Immanuel.**

This child of the virgin birth is called Immanuel, which means, "God with us!" This is stated clearly in Matt.1:22-23. Now we see the uniqueness of the child. HE is literally God with us. The seed of the woman is further elaborated later in Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God,**
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

From the virgin birth, the seed of the woman is a human child yet the Mighty God! How can this be?

John 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God.

John 1:14 (ESV)

And **the Word** became flesh and dwelt among us!

Who became flesh and dwelt among us? Jesus! Therefore the Word is Jesus. Let us accurately substitute “Jesus” for the “Word” in John 1:1

John 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning was **JESUS**, and **JESUS** was with God, and **JESUS was God.**

Jesus is the Mighty God who came down from heaven in human form through the womb of a virgin girl. When did God begin? HE is Eternal! When did Jesus begin? HE is Eternal! God the Father has been God for eternity: no beginning and no ending = eternal! Jesus has been God for eternity: no beginning and no ending = eternal! Jesus was not created. Jesus has always been from eternity past to eternity future. As a note concerning your Catholic friends, they also believe this fact. However this is the error of most false religions and cults. This fact is the lethal error of the Mormon religion.

**Rhetorical question: If Jesus was born of a virgin girl, in a relational sense who was Jesus' father?
Answer: God! Therefore Jesus is the "Son of God!"**

Now let us pull all of this together. Let us look at Jesus' mindset in heaven before the virgin birth? The Bible tells us that Jesus as God **made a willful decision** to set aside **the use of HIS divinity** to become a man!

Philippians 2:6 (ESV)

Christ Jesus, who, **though he was in the form of God,** did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

Philippians 2:7 (ESV)

but **emptied himself,** by taking the form of a servant, **being born in the likeness of men.**

Philippians 2:8 (ESV)

And **being found in human form,** he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even **death on a cross.**

Philippians 2:9 (ESV)

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Now we understand the importance of the virgin birth. Therefore, let us look with awe at the fulfillment of this tremendous promise of God.

Luke 1:30–31 (ESV)

³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and **bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.**”

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And Mary said to the angel, **“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”**

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And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; **therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.**”

What was the purpose of this virgin birth, this seed of the woman, this child from God; God clothed in human flesh pure and holy completely sinless?

2Cor.5:21 (NIV)

God made **HIM who had no sin** to be sin for us, so that in HIM we might become the righteousness of God.

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