

The Miracle of Christmas

Matthew 1:18-25 with Isaiah 7:14

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INTRO: Among the many miracles and prophecies of the birth of Jesus, the virgin birth reigns supreme. There are many ramifications of the virgin birth, both its necessity and its meaning.

I. The Revelation of the Virgin Birth

- A. In Matthew 1:18-25 Mary's pregnant condition is explained to Joseph by an angel in a dream.
- B. That which is conceived in her is out of the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Many fundamentalists and evangelicals in error follow the Roman Catholic doctrine of the immaculate conception.
 - 2. As the God/Man Jesus is
 - i.) the last Adam Who became a life giving spirit
 - ii.) the first man is from the earth, the second man is from heaven
 - iii.) the natural vs. the spiritual
- C. This is the fulfillment of prophecy from Isaiah 7:14.
- D. It was essential that Jesus be virgin born in order to be
 - 1. born without a sin nature
 - 2. as a fully human man to die for human sin
 - 3. to be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to live a spirit-filled life as Adam was intended

II. The Purpose of the Virgin Birth from Our Perspective

- A. That we might have a Savior (from sin)
- B. That we might be born again through His death, burial, and resurrection
- C. As such (born again ones) that we might become members of God's royal family
 - 1. joint heirs with Jesus, our elder Brother
 - 2. spiritually born by His Spirit
 - 3. empowered to walk in His ministry and power

III. How Does the Virgin Birth Impact our Life?

- A. It changes us from natural/earthly people to spiritual people—we are no longer of this world
- B. As brothers and sisters of Jesus' family it enables us to work (minister) as He did
- C. It opens our eyes to the truth, giving us divine wisdom, through the renewing of our mind

CONC: The Virgin Birth recovers what was lost in Adam and restores our original creation in God's image. Have you realized who you are in Jesus?