

The First Coming of King Jesus Part 4: The Birth of King Jesus

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Matthew 1: 18-25

It is necessary to have a virgin birth and is essential for salvation. There are numerous objections to virgin birth but by denying the virgin birth, there is denial of the inerrancy and infallibility of God's Word.

Ways that Give Us Great Confidence in the Virgin Birth:

- 1) **Confidence in the Sinlessness of Christ:** V18, "born of the Holy Spirit," it is a fact of the miraculous. Mary and Salome were sisters. Mary also the mother of Jude and James (writers of books of NT). Jesus born of the Holy Spirit and not from Adam (Rom. 5:12, 17). Luke 1:35, Mary was overwhelmed by the power of God. Jesus is our sinless, Holy God, Heb. 4:15, 7:26.
- 2) **Confidences in the Nature of Christ:** V19-20, resolving to put her away quietly, Jesus was not Joseph's son. Joseph could have endured public ridicule, disdain, scorn, and accusations of impropriety, but he was told not to fear and take to Mary as his wife. Jesus called Himself the Son of God, Jn. 5:18.
 - a. Why Jesus's nature satisfies: 1) Jesus satisfies two God-given longings: the human heart not content with only human things and the longing for human fellowship is met. 2) Christ became the God-Man for our sake, 1 Jn. 4:14, Phil. 2:7. 3) Provided a substitute for us by His death on the cross and being a sinless human. 4) Allows us to see God, Jn. 17:5, Jesus is the mediator between us and God, Rom. 8:34.
- 3) **Confidence in the Works of Christ:** V21, His works saves us from our sins. Mary saw Jesus as Her Savior, Luke 1:47. The virgin birth emulates the work of salvation in our lives. a) it is supernatural like our spiritual birth, Jn. 3:3, 8. b) It was undeserved, God chooses as it pleases Him, Luke 1:46-55, Eph. 2:9. c) God is Sovereign: it is always God's way, Matt. 19:26 "with God all things are possible," Luke 1:49, "has done great things for me," 2 Cor. 9:15, "indescribable gift." Why? "-in love," Eph. 1:4, Deut. 7:8.
- 4) **Confidence in the Revealing of Christ:** V22-23, the virgin birth was announced to Israel by Isaiah in Is. 7:14. Matt. 1 and Luke 1 provide the viewpoint of revealing the coming Savior to Joseph and Mary. Mary knew Jesus' came from God, Jn.2:5. The Jewish leaders also knew of the virgin birth, Jn. 8:39-41, "We were not born of fornication." Gal. 4:4, Jesus "born of a woman," implying not from a human father. From Gen. 3:15, enmity between Satan's seed and "her seed."
- 5) **Confidence in the Deity of Christ:** V23, "God with us." If you deny the virgin birth you deny the authority of Scripture - if you deny Scripture there is no foundation or basis to believe in Christ as Savior - if there is no Savior there is no hope of eternal life - if there is no hope of eternal life, we have no hope.

A believer must believe in the virgin birth to be a Christian.

Jesus resurrected Himself from the dead. Believers have faith that in our last moments on earth that Jesus will take us to heaven to be with Him. He stepped down from eternity to be our sinless representative, I have assurance when it is time to step into eternity that He will take me there.

Further Discussion and Application

Consider the love of God and why He chose you for salvation and how He demonstrates His mercy and steadfastness love for you, Eph. 1:4, Deut. 7:8. What is our response to such an indescribable gift (2 Cor. 9:15), how does Scripture describe the gift of salvation given to us?

What happens to our faith if Christ wasn't born of a virgin? How do we understand God's plan and know God's faithfulness to us by learning and understanding His Word? Read Jn. 10: 25-30. How will believers respond to Jesus words? What is the response of those that are not His sheep (V26)?

How did God utilize Joseph to care, protect, and provide for Mary and Jesus? How does this reveal God's wisdom to care for the smallest details and also to demonstrate that Joseph was God's servant to bring about His will?

Jesus demonstrated His deity in the works He performed: in His control of nature, authority to forgive sins, as the Lord of the Sabbath, His ability to feed the 5,000 and 4,000, to walk on water, raise the dead, and raise Himself from the dead. Why is God merciful to provide so many examples to us of His power and ability? Was God merciful when He demonstrated His willingness to forgive us of our sins?

The simplicity of Matt. 1:18-25 is a major stumbling block for unbelievers. How does the virgin birth confirm, establish, and keep our faith in Christ? How can we grow our faith in the Lord as we study the simple origins of Jesus' first coming?

Is Jesus' first coming too humble to believe? How will His second coming demonstrate His love, kindness, and power even still? When Jesus comes again, how will the presence of His saints also reveal His kindness and love towards those who believed Him?