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The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ

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Text: Mt. 1:18-25

Introduction

- The importance of virgin birth of Jesus Christ cannot be overstated. If Jesus were not born of a virgin, then Jesus was a man like you or me. He had a sin nature like you or me.
- If Jesus were not born of a virgin, then he could not be the Son of God, he could not be sinless, he could not be a substitutionary sacrifice, he could not be the Savior of mankind.

1. The Virgin Birth Fulfilled The Prophecy Of The Word.

Isa 7:14 (KJV)

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

- How could a virgin conceive? Who would be used to fulfill this prophecy?
- In Luke chapter 1, the angel Gabriel comes to Mary and tells her that she will conceive and bring forth a son. She responds by asking how this can be because she is a virgin. The angel then informs her that she would conceive by the power of the _____ and that her son would be the very Son of God.

Genesis 3:15 (KJV) - The First Gospel – Proto-Evangelium

15And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

- When God speaks to the serpent and says that the seed of the woman will crush your head and you will bruise his heel, God is not speaking about just any seed (i.e. man). God is speaking of the seed of the woman (i.e. the seed of Mary) which is _____.
- Jesus crushed the head of the serpent (Satan) on the cross. Our ultimate victory was achieved by the work of Christ on the cross. For the purpose of this lesson we want to note the fulfillment of this prophecy in terms of the birth of the seed of the woman. (cf. Gal. 4:4)

Galatians 4:4 (KJV)

4But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

2. The Virgin Birth Declares The Purity Of Christ.

- The purity declared by the virgin birth is not Mary's, but Jesus.
- The reality is that Mary was a sinner just like you or me. She was sexually pure, but she had a sin nature.
- The virgin birth isn't about her sexual purity; it declares Christ's _____ nature. It declares that Christ is pure and holy. (cf. Lk. 1:35)

- If Jesus were not born of a virgin, then he had an earthly father. If he had an earthly father, he had a sin nature just like you and me. (cf. Rom. 5:12)
- When Adam sinned, he became a sinner. He acquired a sin nature. By procreation, his sin nature was passed on to his _____.
- The reason Jesus has no sin nature is because he is not under the headship of Adam. He doesn't have a sin nature passed to him from an earthly father.

- Mary was not a surrogate mother. God didn't simply place an embryo in her for her to carry and give birth to a child of which she was not actually the mother.
- Mary contributed 26 chromosomes to Jesus, and God the Father in a miraculous creative event contributed the other 26 chromosomes to bring forth an embryo in the womb of Mary.
- No one can explain the part that God played in this reproductive act, and naturally so, because it was a miracle. It is inexplicable, unexplainable, but by faith it is believable.

- The angel speaking to Joseph concerning her shocking pregnancy informed him of the fact that "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." (Mt. 1:20)
- Jesus' virgin birth declares his purity. Paul said in 2 Cor. 5:21 that God made Jesus, the one who knew no sin, to be sin for us so that we might be made righteous. The author of Hebrews teaches us that we have a High Priest in Jesus Christ that was tempted in every way like you and me but was without sin. (Heb. 4:15)
- Peter declares in his epistle that Jesus "did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." (1 Pet. 2:22)

- These passages show that what the virgin birth declares (i.e. Jesus' purity) is a reality.

3. The Virgin Birth Reveals The Purposes Of God.

1) Revelation.

1] To reveal _____ to man. (John 1:18, 14:9, Heb. 1:1-2)

- Jesus is the full revelation of God to man.

2] To reveal the need of _____.

-The virgin birth shows that humanity needs redeeming that it can't bring about for itself. The fact that the human race couldn't produce its own redeemer implies that its sin and guilt are profound and that its savior must come from outside (i.e. outside of human resources, thinking, strength, work, etc.).

2) Salvation. (1 John 4:14)

- The virgin birth reveals God purpose to save man from his sin.

- In the nick of time God sent forth His Son to _____ us. (cf. Gal. 4:4)

- The virgin birth is absolutely necessary to our salvation.

1] Relation. (Heb. 2:14-17)

- If Jesus did not have a human nature, then he could not rightly be our Great High Priest and Redeemer.

2] Substitution. (cf. Rom. 5:12)

- If Christ were not born of a virgin, then He would have had the same _____ (sinful) nature that all of us possess.

3] Propitiation. (1 John 4:10)

- If Jesus had a sin nature, then He would _____ be the spotless, pure Lamb of God that could take away the sin of the world.

- In the final analysis, if Jesus were not born of a virgin, then we couldn't be save

3) _____.

- One of the things the virgin birth does is highlight the supernatural. On one end of Jesus' life lies his supernatural conception and birth; on the other, his supernatural resurrection and his ascension to God's right hand. Jesus' authenticity was attested to by the supernatural working of his Father. Jesus is who he says he is and the supernatural proves it.

Mark Driscoll:

If the virgin birth of Jesus is untrue, then the story of Jesus changes greatly; we would have a sexually promiscuous young woman lying about God's miraculous hand in the birth of her son, raising that son to declare he was God, and then joining his religion. But if Mary is nothing more than a sinful con artist then neither she nor her son Jesus should be trusted.

4) Destruction.

- To destroy the works of Satan. (1 John 3:8)

1] Death. (Heb. 2:14)

2] _____. (Col. 2:13)

3] Captivity. (Eph. 4:8)

4] _____. (Col. 1:13)

LIFE APPLICATION

Matthew 1:23 . . . God is with us.

When we think of Christmas we think of December 25th, but one of the most memorable gifts exchanges that I ever experienced was in the month of October. It had been planned out years before, and a whole host of heavenly beings were there to rejoice. God was offering His life for mine. So then it happened, a “Christmas” gift exchange became a birthday party all on the same day! I became a new creation in Christ.

When did you exchange gifts with the God of the universe? One of the greatest gifts you could give to others is to introduce them to Jesus. It could start off by exchanging a smile, extending a word of encouragement, texting a simple message like “I was thinking of you, “Praying for you”, or “ Let’s do lunch sometime”. Sometime it takes a little planning and preparation before the day of celebration actually arrives. Start now.

What small gift could you give to someone this week? Could you give them a helping hand? A gift card to a local coffee shop? An encouraging call or text? Give a couple a night out and take their children out for pizza? How about praying for different ones without them even knowing it?

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15