

Reflection Questions: What do I believe about the virgin birth of Jesus?
How often do I think on the miracle of His birth? What are the implications of Jesus being fully human and fully deity? How does this change my life?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

...begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Creed of Chalcedon

There was never a birth like the birth of Jesus before His birth; and there has not been a birth like His birth since His birth. When He was born He was as old as His Father and older than His mother. He had a heavenly Father, but no heavenly mother. He had an earthly mother, but no earthly father.

Adrian Rogers

If one does not accept the Son of God's birth from a virgin, how can he accept His resurrection from the dead?

Irenaeus

The great quest of liberal theology has been to invent a Jesus who is stripped of all supernatural power, deity, and authority.

Albert Mohler

If the Bible is regarded as being wrong in what it says about the birth of Christ, then obviously the authority of the Bible in any high sense, is gone.

J. Gresham Machen



The Virgin Birth of Jesus

Sermon
Notes

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1. The Virgin Birth was the Birth of God Himself
2. The Virgin Birth is Essential to the Sinless Humanity of Jesus
3. The Virgin Birth is the Fulfillment of Prophecy
4. The Virgin Birth is Implied in Other New Testament Texts
5. The Virgin Birth is Critical to God's Plan of Salvation

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?
2. Does the Bible clearly teach that Jesus was born of the virgin Mary (*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38*)?
3. Why is it important to affirm the virgin birth of Jesus?
4. Why is Jesus' virgin birth important in regards to His holiness?
6. Some critics argue against the virgin birth because Mark, John, and Paul are silent on it. How would you answer them?
7. How do verses like Genesis 3:15 and Galatians 4:4-5 imply the virgin birth of Jesus?
8. Who does Isaiah 7:14 and 1 Timothy 2:5 say that Jesus is?
9. How would you answer a critic who said that the virgin birth of Jesus sounds like other pagan legends?
10. Some who claim to be Christians say that the Bible contains errors, but it is infallible on matters of faith and practice. Why is this view dangerous? How would you refute it?
11. Can a person be a Christian if they deny the virgin birth of Jesus? Explain.
12. Why/how was Jesus sinless even though He was the son of a sinner?
13. What have been your own struggles with coming to terms with something as absurd to our natural minds as a virgin birth?
14. Does the virgin birth give you more confidence or less confidence in the rest of the Bible? Why?
15. Does the uniqueness of Jesus' birth give you confidence to place your faith in Him and proclaim Him as the only Savior?
16. If someone asked you why the virgin birth of Jesus is so important to Christianity, how would you respond?