

## The Unequaled Birth of Christ

### INTRODUCTION

**LUKE 1:31-38** *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.*

**32** *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,*

**33** *and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

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

**35** *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.*

**36** *And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.*

**37** *For nothing will be impossible with God."*

**38** *And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

Even though this story is nothing less than magnificent and wonderful, we know of course that Jesus did not have His start in Bethlehem.

As we covered in our service last week, Jesus has always been.

This truth does not diminish the importance of the account of the virgin birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As you are already aware, the world mocks the story of the virgin birth.

The devil hates the idea of the virgin birth.

There are those who claim to be Christians who doubt the validity of the virgin birth of Jesus.

If this is true of anyone in this room today, this can be fixed, all you need to do is get saved.

Some believe this truth about Jesus is only incidental, not important.

According to Scripture, there is no hope of salvation apart from the virgin birth of Christ.

Without the virgin birth, the whole foundation of Christianity would be destroyed.

The virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is not incidental, it is fundamental.

In today's message will focus on three thoughts regarding the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus.

## 1. THERE IS A SACRED MYSTERY TO HIS BIRTH

A) An angel announced to Mary that she would be with child.

a) Mary was a virgin who was engaged to marry Joseph.

(1) Mary and Joseph had not yet come together in the act of marriage.

### **B) Luke 1:34**

a) The words "know not" literally mean that she had not had relations with a man.

### **C) Luke 1:35-38**

D) Important note: The virgin birth does not depend upon our understanding for its validation.

a) There are many things we do not understand that we still experience.

E) Do you know how I know that the virgin birth of Jesus is not a biological impossibility? Because all things are possible with God.

### **a) Luke 1:37**

b) God is not bound by the very laws that He Himself created in the universe that He also made.

(1) Why, because God is the master and Lord of the universe.

F) I don't find it difficult to believe in the virgin birth because of creation.

a) If you believe in creation, then you should have no difficulty believing in the virgin birth.

### **b) Genesis 1:1**

(1) God made the first man without a father or a mother.

- (a) God made Adam out of clay that He formed out of nothing.
- c) Creation and the virgin birth may be mysteries to us, but they are not mysteries to God.

G) It should not concern us if we cannot explain the virgin birth; neither can we explain God.

a) We join Mary in asking, "How can this be?"

b) We also join the angel when we say, "With God, all things are possible."

H) If we have difficulty believing the virgin birth, then our real difficulty is that our God is too small.

## **2. THERE IS A SAVING MINISTRY TO HIS BIRTH**

***(Luke 2:8-14) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.***

***9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.***

***10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.***

***11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.***

***12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."***

***13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,***

***14 "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"***

A) God being made flesh is called the incarnation.

B) The incarnation and the virgin birth were necessary for our salvation.

a) God gave Adam and Eve dominion in the Garden of Eden.

(1) They sinned and lost that dominion.

(2) They turned that dominion over to Satan; and rather than being servants of God, they became slaves of Satan.

b) The entire human race became infected with sin.

c) Our dominion was lost by a man; the only way it can be returned to us is by another man, and that man is the Lord Jesus.

**(1) 1 Corinthians 15:22** *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.*

C) Jesus Christ, the last Adam, was born of a virgin to undo what the first Adam did.

a) Apart from the virgin birth, there is no hope of salvation.

b) Sin must be paid for; it must be atoned.

**(1) Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**(2) Ezekiel 18:20** *The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.*

c) Sin must be atoned for by shed blood.

(1) God, in Spirit, has no blood.

**(a) John 4:24** *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*

(2) Not just any man could atone for our sins.

(a) He must be a perfect man.

(b) He must be sinless.

(c) He must be innocent.

(3) No son or daughter of Adam could qualify.

**(a) Romans 5:12** *Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!*

(b) We are all sinners by birth, by choice, by practice and by nature.

**(c) Romans 3:23** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

d) Had Jesus Christ been born as we are born, He would have been a son of Adam.

(1) Had He been a son of Adam, He would have been a sinner.

(2) Had He been a sinner, He could not have been innocent.

(3) Had He not been innocent, He could not have been anyone's substitute.

**D) John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

a) God wants us saved.

- b) God's answer is a sinless, perfect man: the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - (1) The Lord Jesus is both truly human and fully sinless.
    - (a) He is human so that He might undo what the first Adam did by the shedding of blood.
    - (b) His blood is sinless blood.
- c) Jesus came as He did (born of a virgin) to be what He was (sinless) to do what He did (die a substitutionary death) to atone for our sin.
  - (1) He did what He did that we might be born again and go to Heaven.
    - (a) No sinless sacrifice, no atonement.
    - (b) No atonement, no new birth.
    - (c) No new birth, no hope of Heaven.
      - (i) He was born of a virgin that we might be born again.
      - (ii) He came to Earth that we might go to Heaven.
      - (iii) He became the Son of Man that we might become sons and daughters of God.
- E) Mendel's Law of Genetics states that every individual is the sum total of the genetic characteristics, recessive or dominant, of his or her two parents.
  - a) All that is in your father and mother is in you.
    - (1) Jesus' Father is truly God.
    - (2) Jesus' mother is truly human.
    - (3) Jesus is God in human flesh.
      - (a) He is not half-God and half-man.
      - (b) He is not all God and no man.
      - (c) He is not all man and no God.
      - (d) He is the only begotten Son of God and the only one qualified to die upon the cross for our salvation.
- F) The virgin birth of Jesus is good news to all people.
  - a) *Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.***
  - b) After all this, there is one most important and unescapable truth, we all need Jesus.

### 3. THERE IS A SOVEREIGN MAJESTY TO HIS BIRTH (Luke 1:30-33)

- A) The Old Testament name for Jesus is Joshua, which means “Jehovah Saves.”
- B) As the Son of God, Jesus Christ shares the nature of God the Father.
- C) The Lord Jesus is the earthly child of a heavenly Father and the heavenly child of an earthly mother.
- D) ***John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.***
  - a) Jesus did not begin with Mary in Bethlehem.
    - (1) Why, because He is as ageless as His Father and older than His mother.
  - b) The Lord Jesus has come to rule and to reign and is coming back again.

***Isaiah 9:6 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.***

- (1) There can be no real peace without the Prince of Peace.
- (2) Lord Jesus Christ.

## CONCLUSION

The hope of the individual, the hope of the church, the hope of the family, the hope of the nation and the hope of the world is Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus Christ has come as our Savior and protector.

How about that for a Christmas present.

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