

Sunday Morning, December 16, 2018
Matthew 1:22, 23; Luke 3:23–38
The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ

I. The Truth of the Virgin Birth of Christ

- A. Scripture Reveals the Virgin Birth of Christ
Matt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18, 24; Matt. 1:16
- B. Mary Believed the Virgin Birth Lk. 1:31, 34
- C. Joseph Believed the Virgin Birth Matt. 1:20; Matt. 1:25; Matt. 13:55
- D. The Church Believes the Virgin Birth of Christ

II. The Importance of the Virgin Birth of Christ

- A. The Importance of the Virgin Birth to the Doctrine of Scripture
Matt. 1:22 quoting Isa. 7:14
- B. The Importance of the Virgin Birth to the Doctrine of Miracles
Matt. 1:23 quoting Isa. 7:14
- C. The Importance of the Virgin Birth to the Doctrine of Christ
 - 1. The Virgin Birth Establishes Christ as the God-Man
 - 2. The Virgin Birth Establishes Christ as Messianic King
Matt. 1:11–12, cf 1 Chron. 3:17; 2 Sm. 7:12–13; Jer. 22:30; Lk. 3:23; Matt. 1:25
 - 3. The Virgin Birth Establishes Christ as the Sinless Savior
Jn. 3:6; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 5:19; 1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 3:11; Ps. 58:3; 1 Cor. 15:22; Ps. 51:5
Eph. 2:3; Lk. 1:35; Matt. 1:21

Quotes

"Without the stupendous, historical reality of the Virgin Birth of Christ, the faith of our fathers becomes little more than a stupendous, historical fantasy."
(John Chrysostom, Church Father)

"The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ is part and parcel of the Gospel. One cannot be had without the other."
(John Calvin)

"Assuredly no one, resting for himself under the curse of sin of others; no one owing the law its extreme penalty for himself could pay this penalty for others. And certainly in the Christianity of the New Testament, every natural member of the race of Adam rests under the curse of Adam's sin, and is held under the penalty that hangs over it. If the Son of God came into the world therefore specifically to save sinners it was imperatively necessary that he should become incarnate after a fashion which would leave him standing . . . outside that fatal entail of sin in which the whole natural race of Adam is involved."
(B. B. Warfield, Christology, p 456)

WLC question 22 asks "How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?"

Answer: "Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to Himself a true body and a reasonable soul being conceived by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary and born of her yet without sin."