

I. Introduction -- Must modern Christians believe in the virgin birth?

II. The Bible affirms the virgin birth of the Messiah.

A. The testimony of the Old Testament.

- 1. The Savior of humanity would come from the Seed of the woman. Gen. 3:15
*I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.***
- 2. The virgin will conceive and bear a son. Isaiah 7:14 Matthew 1:23 *Behold a
virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.***

B. Mary's testimony in Luke 1:26-38.

- 1. Mary was a virgin. v. 27, 34b**
- 2. She was chosen for the honor to which all Israelite women aspired. v. 28-33**
- 3. Jesus was conceived miraculously. v. 34-37**
- 4. Mary trusts God. v. 38**

C. Joseph's testimony in Matthew 1:18-25.

- 1. Joseph learns that his fiancée' is pregnant. v. 18-19.**
- 2. The angel reveals the miracle of the virgin conception. v. 20-23**
- 3. Joseph's faithful response bears witness to the virgin birth. v. 24-25**

**D. The testimony of the angels, Elizabeth, and Paul. Luke 1:42ff Gal. 4:4 Ro. 1:3-4
*When the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman.***

III. Why is the virgin birth so important?

A. To deny the virgin birth is to undermine the authority of Scripture. II Tim. 3:16

- 1. Some profess to believe in the religious message of the Bible, while denying the history recorded in the Bible.**
- 2. Because Christianity is based upon historical events, if the Bible cannot be trusted as to its historical accounts, it is fundamentally unreliable. I Co. 15:14-15**
- 3. Mankind makes himself the ultimate (autonomous) arbiter of truth.**

B. To deny the virgin birth is to deny the unique divine nature of our Lord Jesus.

- 1. The virgin conception is the means by which our Lord received His divine nature.**
- 2. If He was born of a man and a woman, He is only a man (like us).**
- 3. If Jesus is merely human, we can all become Christs like Him.**
- 4. Jesus Christ alone is God the Son. Col. 2:9 John 1:1ff Isa. 7:14 9:6-7 Mt. 16:16**

C. To deny the virgin birth is to imply that our Lord had a sinful nature like ours.

- 1. When Adam fell, his decedents inherited his sinful nature. Rom. 5:12 Ps. 51:5.**
- 2. Through His unique conception, God the Son became man without inheriting our sinful nature. Luke 1:35**
- 3. If the virgin birth is false, Jesus was conceived in an unusually sinful way and His followers have been spreading lies ever since.**

- D. To deny the virgin birth is to disqualify Jesus from being our Savior. Mt. 1:21**
- 1. If He is not sinless, He cannot save sinners. Ro. 5:8 8:3 II Co. 5:21 Heb. 4:15 I Pet. 1:18-19 *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him... You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.***
 - 2. If He is not truly God, He cannot make the infinite payment necessary for our guilt. Heb. 9:23-28 10:4f Mark 10:45**
 - 3. Those who have surrendered the doctrine of the virgin birth have surrendered their belief in the gospel.**

IV. Don't confuse the historical truth of Jesus' miraculous birth with other Christmas myths. II Ti. 4:4 *They will turn away their ears from the truth & will turn aside to myths.*

- A. There are other "supernatural stories" connected with Christmas which can create confusion and distract from the wonder which belongs to Jesus alone.**
- B. Why do people prefer the Santa myth to the historical event of the virgin birth? Why is Santa more popular than Jesus?**
- 1. The Santa myth appeals to post-modern man's view of truth and reality.**
 - 2. The Santa myth exalts man.**
 - 3. The Santa myth is not threatening or offensive to the natural man.**
 - 4. The Santa myth focuses upon this material world. Ro. 12:2 I Jo. 2:15ff**
- C. Jesus is not the Savior most people want.**
- 1. Jesus' message confronts mankind with absolute and unchanging truth from God.**
 - 2. Jesus' message humbles sinful man.**
 - 3. Jesus' message is narrow and exclusive. John 14:6 Acts 4:12**
 - 4. Jesus' message focuses upon heavenly gifts. Jn. 18:36**

V. Conclusion: Do you believe in the virgin birth? I Jo. 4:1-3

The Virgin Birth – Quiz (T/F - explain your answers)

- 1. Many famous 'Christian' theologians, denominational leaders, and preachers deny the historicity of the virgin birth of Jesus.**
- 2. So long as a Christian leader himself believes in the virgin birth it is enough, even if he thinks that other true Christians don't have to accept this doctrine.**
- 3. The virgin birth is never mentioned in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Outside of the gospels there are no texts supporting the virgin birth of Jesus.**
- 5. Christianity is based upon historical events and is untrue if these events did not take place.**
- 6. The denial of the virgin birth undermines the authority of Scripture.**
- 7. The denial of the virgin birth implicitly denies the Deity of Jesus Christ.**
- 8. If Jesus was born of a man and a woman He could not be our Savior.**
- 9. Santa Claus is more popular than Jesus.**
- 10. You can be a real Christian and deny the virgin birth of Jesus.**