

WHY A VIRGIN BIRTH?

Luke 1:26-28

Introduction: One of the amazing things about Jesus was His birth. Not that he was born like everybody else is born but that He was born of a virgin. No male, no man was involved in Mary's (mother of Jesus) conception. Why did God send His Son to earth in such an unusual manner. Everybody was expecting a great event, angels, much publicity, etc., but to come through being born as everybody else and especially through a virgin. Who would have thought it. Why a virgin birth?

1. The Birth of God's Son Required a Miracle.

- God's Son was not a mere human being, a mere man and nothing more.
- God's Son already existed but needed a human body, flesh and blood, yet different in not having instilled at birth the old sin nature that automatically is a part of every human being.

2. The Birth of God's Son Required a Combined Act by God and Woman.

- God's Son had to identify with people and people come into the world through a woman.
- Why is it so hard for some to believe that God could cause Mary to conceive as she did? Or that God exists? Or that God loves?
- Modern science fertilizes female eggs with male sperm and pregnancy results. Is not God able to do so much more?
- Man's problem is not God so much as it is the lack of FAITH.

3. The Birth of God's Son Required a Miraculous Nature.

- God chose the birth of His Son to be both divine and human.
- Born of a woman would be of human nature.
- The miraculous act of God of His Son being born of a virgin caused God's Son to be born without man's old sinful nature (corruption), which was critical for salvation and conquering sin.

4. The Birth of God's Son Required the Birth of a Perfect Nature.

- Man comes short of God's glory and therefore dies, therefore an ideal, perfect life was needed.
- Jesus had a Godly nature and therefore as God/man, He lived a Godly, sinless life.
- Jesus was able to pay for man's sin and take man's judgment being an ideal perfect human being.
- Jesus was able to rise from the dead being a perfect, ideal man.
- Jesus was exalted to sit at God's right hand, becoming the First Born of Godly/human natures.

5. The Birth of God's Son Required the Creative Word of God.

- By only speaking, God creates, God sends, God saves.

6. The Birth of God's Son Required the Virgin Birth Because God's Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of God.

- God's only one of a kind son - all of God.
- God's Son had to be different from all other human beings for God's Son's nature was different.
- God's Son had to enter in such a way to proclaim His divinity, yet be able to partake in human nature.
- Therefore God's Son's birth involved the human birth process but with God directing.

7. The Birth of God's Son Required a Second Adam - a Second Man.

- God's Son had to be born like Adam (the first man), His body made from the same material (earth) by God's Word.
- God's Son had to become what Adam failed to become - representative, ideal, a pattern, a perfect one.

- God's Son had to be what Adam failed to be - to love and obey God, to pass on His righteous nature.
- God's Son was born to offer what Adam failed to pass on - righteousness, eternal abundant life.

8. The Birth of God's Son Required an Engaged State of the Woman, and Not a Single or Married State

- A single woman would cause much questioning and bring contempt upon her birth child - God's Son.
- A married woman would not be a virgin.
- The espoused state was the ideal marital relationship for God to use in sending His Son into the world.
(Galatians 4:4)

CONCLUSION:

1. Jesus was not born through a man and a woman but through the Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus was divine, yet human through His conception in the virgin, Mary.
3. Jesus was God/man - fully God, fully man.
4. Jesus had (as God) the capacity NOT to sin and nobody since Adam has ever had this capacity, all other men had had a human father and human mother contaminated with a sinful human nature and just cannot help but sin.
5. Jesus as the only begotten Son of God, born by the Holy Spirit, had the capacity to live a perfect and righteous life. He had the capacity to never sin.
6. Jesus, also, was man who had the capacity to sin. He suffered the pull, the strain and suffering of temptation as all people do. Jesus could have willed to sin, but He never did.
7. Jesus utilized the capacity never to sin, never giving in to temptation. Jesus never sinned.
8. Jesus had to be born of a virgin to be able to do for mankind what He has done is doing and shall do.