

**JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD (3)**  
**(Luke 1:26-35)**

**Introduction:**

1. There are four fundamental doctrines which are the foundation of Christianity.
  - a. The virgin birth of Christ.
  - b. The death of Christ for our sins.
  - c. The bodily resurrection of Christ from the grave.
  - d. The second coming of Christ to raise the dead and judge the world.
2. If one denies any one of these fundamental facts, he has denied the faith.
3. The most fundamental of these four facts is the virgin birth of Christ.
  - a. If the virgin birth is not true, Jesus is not the Son of God and our faith is in vain.
  - b. If the virgin birth is not true, then Christ's miracles, atoning death, and resurrection from the dead can be set aside; therefore, our faith would be in vain.
4. The religious world is divided on these four fundamental facts.
  - a. Liberals (modernists) deny them and thereby deny the faith.
  - b. Conservatives defend them but the number doing so is declining.

**Discussion:**

**I. THE PURPOSE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.**

**A. The Christ existed from all eternity for He is God.**

1. Micah prophesied the place of His birth: "Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).
2. John clearly affirmed the eternal nature of the Christ:

**"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made" (John 1:1-3).**

**"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).**

3. **Jesus said: “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM” (John 8:58).**
4. **Paul wrote: “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, being in the form of God did not consider it to be robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men” (Phil. 2:5-7).**

**B. It was necessary for Christ to become man in order to:**

1. **Reveal God to man (John 1:18; 14:7-9).**
2. **Taste of death for every man (Heb. 2:9).**
3. **Be the Mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5).**
4. **Act as man’s High Priest (Heb. 4:15, 16).**

**C. The virgin birth was the means by which Christ became man.**

**“Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: ‘Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me’” ( Heb. 10:5, quoted from Psalm 40:6-8).**

**“By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Heb. 10:10).**

## **II. THE PROPHECIES OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.**

**A. The first promise of the coming of the Christ was in Eden.**

**“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel” (Gen. 3:15).**

1. **Sin entered through the woman; the Savior would come through the woman.**
2. **Satan bruised the heel of Christ when he brought about His death on the cross.**
3. **By His death on the cross, Christ atoned for sin making it possible for man to be free from Satan’s bondage, thereby dealing him a deadly blow.**
4. **Paul affirmed that God sent Christ when the time was right (Gal. 4:4,5).**

**B. Isaiah prophesied the virgin birth in the 8th century BC (Isa. 7).**

1. **The line of David faced extermination (7:1-7).**

2. The Christ was to come of David's seed (2 Sam. 7:12,13; Luke 1:32,33; Acts 2:29-30).
3. God offered Ahaz a sign it would not happen, but Ahaz refused to ask God for a sign (7:10-12).
4. The sign was then given to the house of David.

“Then he said: ‘Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel’” (7:13,14).

- a. “Immanuel” means “God with us.”
- b. The sign was that the line of David would not perish until the Christ was born of the virgin.

### III. THE PERFECTION OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH.

A. An angel announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God (Luke 1:26-35).

1. Twice Mary is called a virgin (v. 27).
2. Mary denied “knowing a man” (v. 34).
3. Mary's conception would be of the Holy Spirit (v. 35).

B. An angel announced to Joseph that Mary was with child of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18-25).

1. When Joseph first learned Mary was pregnant, he planned to call off the wedding (vv. 18, 19).
2. The angel told Joseph Mary had conceived “of the Holy Spirit” (v. 20).
3. This was declared to be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of the virgin birth (vv. 22, 23).
4. Joseph “did not know” Mary till Jesus was born (v. 25).
5. Jesus is called Mary's “firstborn son” (v. 25).

#### Conclusion:

1. The virgin birth of the Son of God is clearly taught in the Scriptures.
2. One cannot deny the virgin birth without denying the divinity of Christ and the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.
3. God “has made Jesus both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).
4. Will you not obey Him today (Acts 2:38-41, 47)?