

## VIRGIN BIRTH

One of the basic tenets of the Christian faith is that, by the Holy Spirit, Jesus was born of the virgin, Mary, who was, at the time of his conception, engaged to Joseph. There can be no wavering of this belief. To believe otherwise would say that Jesus was not the Son of God, but an ordinary man or even a prophet and would indicate, in essence, you are not truly a Christian.

Isaiah 7:14

*“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”*

Matthew 1:20-25

*“But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.*

*And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.’ Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,*

*‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which translated means, ‘God with us.’*

*And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took {her} as his wife,*

*and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.”*

When confronted with the fact she would give birth, Mary was perplexed, since she was not married and had known no man at that time, wondering how this could be (Luke 1: 29). The angel responded:

Luke 1:35

*“And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.”*

In the natural those days, very few understood this and Jesus was accused of being illegitimate.

John 8:41

*“You are doing the deeds of your father.’ They said to Him, ‘We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, {even} God.”*

Even today there is much spiritual warfare over the fact of Jesus being born of a virgin. The devil wants to take away any credibility of who Jesus was in the world. This is because He carried our sins at Calvary; and if He were not God, He wouldn’t qualify to be the substitute to take the sins of all mankind. Only God Himself was large enough and righteous enough for this covenant task.