

“A Virgin Shall Conceive...” Luke 2: 26-38

1. Affirmations – I believe
 - a. The Bible is true
 - b. Salvation is received only through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ
 - c. This same Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and He will come again one day.
 - d. That the historical Jesus of Nazareth came to being through the miraculous conception as described in Luke and Matthew and prophesied by the prophets when they declared “a virgin shall conceive.”
 - e. The Virgin birth is true!
 2. I believe in the Virgin birth because...
 - a. It is an affirmation of Biblical fact – Thy Word is Truth
 - i. Every other prophecy about Christ was certified and verified, so it is unreasonable to disregard this one
 - ii. Truth stands on this doctrine.
 1. The teachings (doctrines) of the Bible are all true or they are all suspect.
 - b. Our Father God is a god of miracles
 - i. It is not a “big” thing that the same God who...
 1. Created the universe...
 2. Destroyed all but Noah and his family with a flood...
 3. Managed the plagues and miracles of Moses...
 4. Saved Daniel from the Lion’s Den; and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace...
 - ii. It is not a “big” thing that this same God would cause a poor peasant girl to conceive by way of miracle
3. This teaching is under scrutiny of doubters and skeptics... and some believers!
 - a. 1988 Survey of denominational pastors
 - i. 19% American Lutherans
 - ii. 34% American Baptist
 - iii. 44% Episcopal
 - iv. 49% Presbyterian
 - v. 60% Methodist
 1. Church of God is too small a movement to be included in this large survey
 - b. A leading preacher today said recently, “It doesn’t matter” I still believe that the life and teachings of Jesus are still the best and most important way of living.
4. There is an absolute necessity of believing this truth
 - a. Without the Virgin Birth we have no sinless redeemer
 - b. Without a virgin born Jesus his claims of Deity are lies
 - i. He is only a man
 - c. Jesus is either who he says he is or he is the greatest con-artist, psychotic lunatic the world has ever known.
 - d. Jesus is either the virgin born Messiah or he has perpetrated the greatest fraud the world has ever known.
5. The Virgin Birth is true
 - a. You have heard it said “the Bible says it; I believe it, that settles it.
 - b. The fact is – “if the Bible says it - that settles it.”