

“How Can This Be?”

Luke 1:34-38
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Introduction

- Scientific breakthroughs in conception
- Importance of the Virgin Conception of Christ

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- A. Mary was NOT a virgin, but a sexually active teenager.
1. View of the Jews in the “Toldoth Jeschu”
 2. Defies the Scriptural Record-- Mary as a “Virgin”
 3. Denies the Uniqueness of Christ!
 - a. His Prestige-- 1:31-32a
 - 1) Called “Jesus”-- Matt 1:21
 - 2) Called “great”
 - 3) Called “the Son of the Highest” -- Dan 4:24
 - b. His Position-- 1:32b-33
 - 1) His regal position-- “given the throne”
 - 2) His Realm-- “over the house of David”
 - 3) His Reign-- “forever”
 - c. His Personhood
 - 1) Not an ‘incarnation of God’ but “God-incarnate”- John 1:1, 14; Phil 2:6-7
 - 2) Explanation of the ‘two natures, one person’ of Christ
 - 3) Importance of the Incarnation
- B. Jesus’ Conception was a “freak” of nature.
1. Cases of Parthenogenesis in nature
 2. Two Serious problems
 - a. Genetically: females contain only female chromosomes
 - b. Theologically: Only proves that Jesus was human.
- C. Jesus’ Conception was a Non-repeatable Miracle -- 1:35-37
1. The Holy Spirit will “Come upon her”
 2. The Father will “Overshadow her”
 - a. lit. means “to envelope in darkness”
 - b. Description of the creation of life in the womb-- Ps 139:11-17
 3. The Revelation of God the Son will be the offspring
 4. Takes FAITH to believe-- 1:36-37