

The Reason for the Most Miraculous Birth in the History of the World. Luke 1:26–35

Luke 1:26–35 (NKJV)

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!"

²⁹ But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Introduction:

Ever since the fall of Adam in the Garden of Eden, the entire human race has been permeated with sin. Like black ink dropped into the a glass of clean water, eventually all the water is tinted with the blackness of the ink.

Men are unable to clean themselves because its not an external problem.

No amount of washing or ritual will make a man clean of the sin he has within him.

Like Job says,

Job 14:4 (NKJV)

⁴ Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean?

No one!

Job 15:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ “What *is* man, that he could be pure?

And *he who is* born of a woman, that he could be righteous?

Job 25:4–6 (NKJV)

- 4 How then can man be righteous before God?
Or how can he be pure *who is* born of a woman?
- 5 If even the moon does not shine,
And the stars are not pure in His sight,
- 6 How much less man, *who is* a maggot,
And a son of man, *who is* a worm?”

Or even as David said,

Psalms 51:5 (NKJV)

- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.

Jesus said, speaking to the Pharisees,
Matthew 23:25–28 (NKJV)

- ²⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but
inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.
²⁶ Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup
and dish, that the outside of them may be clean
also.

²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men’s* bones and all uncleanness. ²⁸ Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

This is not a problem solely of the religious hypocrites. This is a universal human problem. We are all guilty, all sinful, all permeated with the blackness of sin.

Even in the days of the birth of Christ, Mary was chosen to give birth to the Messiah, not because she was sinless, not because she was not affected with the same permeation of sin that we all are. She was a sinner like all of us, worthy of eternal hell apart from the grace of God. She was called the highly favored (graced) one

Luke 1:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor (grace) with God.

Luke 1:47 (NKJV)

⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Joseph was not chose to be the earthly father of Jesus because he had conquered the sin problem.

No, he was as sinner like you and I who was worthy of the judgement of God apart from the unmerited favor of God on him.

They are sinners and apart from Divine intervention, as husband and wife, they would produce more sinners.

Ephesians 2:3 (NKJV)

³ ...we all were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

So the question is, how to you get a clean thing out of an unclean thing?

How to you get a sinless person out of a sinner?

How can God become flesh and not be contaminated with sinful ink that permeates the water of humanity?

Also

Does God even need the virgin Birth to accomplish this?

Why not just drop out of heaven the way He did in the OT and take on you human form and do the work of the cross and go back?

Why all the fuss with the Mary and Joseph and the Angels having to give instruction to Joseph not to

divorce Mary and explaining to Mary how this can happen without her knowing a man?

Well all of these questions bring us to one of the most important events in human history.

The virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

In considering this topic, I want to explain to you 3 important reasons for the the most miraculous birth in the history of the world. The Birth of Christ.

I. The Substantiation of Scripture

II. The Sending of the God-Man

III. The Sinlessness of Christ

I. The Substantiation of Scripture

Matthew 1:18–25 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a

dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*” which is translated, “God with us.”

²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, ²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

Prophecy has always been a way God has used to set Himself apart from all other gods. He knows the future because He ordains the future and controls the unfolding of the future.

This is the argument of Isaiah.

Isaiah 46:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ For I *am* God, and *there is* no other;

I am God, and *there is* none like Me,

¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning,

And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done,

Prophecy is one of the strongest arguments to the reliability and trustworthiness of Scripture. It is so critical that even God says that if someone claims to be His prophet and gets one prophecy wrong, he is to be consider a false prophet and put to death.

On every prophecy, hangs the credibility of God. If He fails on any prophecy, then He is not who He claims to be and your are not secure and may well die in your sins.

So one of the first reasons for the virgin birth of Christ is to substantiate the truthfulness of Scripture.

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,”* which is translated, “God with us.”

This prophecy is given to us in Isaiah 7:14 and has been the topic of hot dispute over time, mainly because liberal theologians want to deny the miraculous nature of the birth of Christ.

Isaiah 7:10–14 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying,
¹¹ “Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God;
ask it either in the depth or in the height above.”

¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!”

¹³ 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?”

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and shall call His name Immanuel.

This prophecy was initially given to Ahaz as a sign and the fulfillment of the prophecy in Ahaz’s day depends on the definition of “virgin” or how you understand the application of the word “virgin” at the time of Isaiah’s writing.

The Hebrew text is

עַלְמָה ALMAH ^{S5959 TWOT1630b GK6625} **n.f. young woman**
(ripe sexually; maid or newly married);—'ע Gn 24:43 (J), Ex 2:8 (E), Pr 30:19 Is 7:14; pl. עַלְמוֹת ψ 68:26 Ct 1:3; 6:8; עַלְעַלְמוֹת to (the voice of) *young women*

Brown, F., Driver, S. R., & Briggs, C. A. (1977). *Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon* (p. 761). Oxford: Clarendon Press.

“Virgin” translates *‘almâh*, a word used of an unmarried woman of marriageable age. The word refers to one who is sexually mature. It occurs elsewhere in the Old Testament only in Genesis 24:43 (“maiden”); Exodus 2:8 (“girl”); Psalm 68:25 (“maidens”); Proverbs 30:19 (“maiden”); Song of Songs 1:3 (“maidens”); 6:8 (“virgins”). It also occurs in 1 Chronicles 15:20 (*alamoth*) and in the title of Psalm 46 (*alamoth* may be a musical term). Martin, J. A. (1985). [Isaiah](#). In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1048). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Since Jesus birth was a unique miracle in that virgins don't give birth, many commentators and theologians believe this is in reference to Ahaz and should simply be understood as a young woman who is ready for marriage and that the stress would be on a sign of a young woman, a maiden giving birth to a son, who's name is Immanuel. Or that it means that a woman who is a virgin at the time of the writing of Isaiah's prophecy will then marry and conceive and given birth to a Son.

In some way, this was initially fulfilled to give a sign of the truthfulness of Isaiahs prophecy to Ahaz in his day.

But also this prophecy would have a double fulfillment. One in the days of Ahaz and the final and complete fulfillment in the birth of Christ.

Others argue, that this is strictly a Messianic prophecy and had nothing to do with the house of Ahaz, but only the house and lineage of David. In the text that contains the prophecy, Ahaz is told to ask for a sign, but Ahaz refused.

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a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?

But it is interesting that by the time of the translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek around the mid 3rd century BC, the word that they chose to use for the translation of “Almah” for young woman, maiden, was the Greek word “parthenos”

παρθένος, ου, ή in our lit. one who has never engaged in sexual intercourse, *virgin, chaste person*

Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., Bauer, W., & Gingrich, F. W. (2000). [*A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature*](#) (3rd ed., p. 777). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

παρθένος, ου, ή (ό) *parthenos* virgin; young woman of marriageable age; chaste man

Balz, H. R., & Schneider, G. (1990–). [Exegetical dictionary of the New Testament](#) (Vol. 3, p. 39). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans.

9.33 παρθένος^b, ου *m*: an adult male who has not engaged in sexual relations with a woman—‘virgin, chaste.’ οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ μετὰ γυναικῶν οὐκ ἐμολύνθησαν, παρθένοι γάρ εἰσιν ‘these are men who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins’ Re 14:4. Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 107). New York: United Bible Societies.

This is our word that is used in Matthew
Matthew 1:23

²³ *“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,”* which is translated, “God with us.”

But even with the Lexical support and even the support or the Septuagint, some still refuse to accept that this is a miraculous event of a virgin conceived Son.

Most to object to this miracle, also object to the other miracles of the Bible. They are liberal theologians that refuse to have a God to does miracles.

But for the hard headed and hard hearted liberals, God gives more than just word studies. He illustrates that truthfulness for the miracle of the

virgin birth, by the Author of Scripture and the participants in the birth of Christ.

The Author of Scripture —the Holy Spirit and Matthew

Matthew 1:18–19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

unerchomai: to come together, by ext. to accompany

Original Word: συνέρχομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: sunerchomai

Phonetic Spelling: (soon-er'-khom-ahee)

Definition: to come together, to accompany

Usage: I come or go with, accompany; I come together, assemble.

23.61 γινώσκω^f (a figurative extension of meaning of **γινώσκω^a** ‘to know,’ 28.1);

συνέρχομαι^c (a figurative extension of meaning of **συνέρχομαι^a** ‘to come together,’ 15.123)—‘to have sexual intercourse with.’

γινώσκω^f: πῶς ἔσται τοῦτο, ἐπεὶ ἄνδρα οὐ γινώσκω; ‘how can this happen, for I have not had sexual intercourse with a man?’ Lk 1:34.

συνέρχομαι^c: πρὶν ἢ συνελθεῖν αὐτοὺς εὐρέθη ἐν γαστρὶ ἔχουσα ‘before they had sexual intercourse, she was found to be pregnant’ Mt 1:18.

In almost all languages there are euphemistic ways of speaking about sexual intercourse, and the use of γινώσκω^f and συνέρχομαι^c is illustrative of this in the Greek NT

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 257). New York: United Bible Societies.

Matthew 1:22–23 (NKJV)

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*” which is translated, “God with us.”

Luke 1:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ For with God nothing will be impossible.”

The Angel on the Scene

Matthew 1:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”

The Actions of Joseph

Matthew 1:19

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

The Response of Mary

Luke 1:34 (NKJV)

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

There is another illusion to the virgin birth as far back at Genesis

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ 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.”

I. The Substantiation of Scripture

II. The Sending of the God-Man

Another reason for the necessity of the virgin birth is the union of the Divine and human natures of Christ, or the God-man. Theologians call this the Hypostatic Union.

It means that when Christ came born of a virgin, that He was truly man, 100% having been born of a woman, and at the same time was truly God, 100%, having taken on human form in the womb of Mary.

Neither the humanity nor the Deity of Christ was lessened by the merging together of the 2 natures. He is fully, truly 100% God and at the same time, fully, truly 100% human.

He had a human body like any man. He walked and talked, he had human characteristics of hunger, thirst, pain, sorrow, being tired, exhausted and needing sleep. He was born and as a baby would have needed his mothers milk, to be protected, and trained to walk and keep his balance and not hit his head as a toddler. He would have been taught the Hebrew alphabet and taught to read, and memorize the Scripture. He would have been taught by his earthly father to be a carpenter and cut wood and build things.

There would have been nothing that would have stood out about his humanness that would have make him more than human or less than human.

He wasn't walking around with a halo over his head, or with a glow on his face, and as a baby, he was not fluttering around the house with miniature wings on his back.

If you would have been able to see the scene in Bethlehem on the night of His birth, you would have seen a baby lying in the manger in swaddling clothes. A real human baby boy.

At His birth, His humanity would have been very obvious, but the Deity would have been veiled... at least for a time.

This human baby boy lying in the manger was also the Creator of the Universe. He was the creator of the animals in the stalls, the wood or the rock the stable was made from. He was the creator of the star that led the shepherds at night. He was creator of the night of his birth. He was the creator of Joseph and his mother Mary.

He was the Sovereign of the Universe who governs and controls all things

He was the one that talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden.

He was the one that ate and talked with Abraham about Sodom and Gomorrah,

He was the one that wrestled with Jacob

He was the Angel of the Lord leading the people of Israel out of Egypt.

He was the one in the fiery furnace with

Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego

He was the Son of Man in the visions of Daniel

He was the one sitting on the Throne high and lifted up in Isaiah 6

But as time progressed and Jesus grew, Mary and Joseph would begin to notice things.

Not miracles as some have tried to say Jesus did as a boy, but rather that fact that he never disobeyed his father or mother. He never disobeyed the Scripture. He would have always honored his mother and father, He would have perfectly loved his brothers and sisters. He would have grown and wisdom and passion for the Scriptures.

There would have been signs that, although he was perfectly human, He was different... and Mary and Joseph would know what that was... He was GOD.

He had to be born of his mother Mary to be called the Son of man

He had be born of God to be called the Son of God.

No human seed could be planted in the womb of Mary by a man,

And Jesus had to be conceived of the Holy Spirit's Power to be the Son of God and fully and truly God.

The Bible attest to this miraculous union of the divine and Human natures of Christ.

John 1:1–4 (NKJV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14 (NKJV)

14 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.

He was God

He became flesh.

He eternally was God and existed as God eimi but He assumed and took on flesh.

1 Corinthians 15:47 (NKJV)

47 The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven.

Galatians 4:4 (NKJV)

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

ginomai: to come into being, to happen, to become

Original Word: γίνομαι

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: ginomai

Phonetic Spelling: (ghin'-om-ahee)

Definition: to come into being, to happen, to become

Usage: I come into being, am born, become, come about, happen.

1096 γίνομαι – properly, to emerge, become, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another. 1096 (γίνομαι) fundamentally means "become" (becoming, became) so it is not an exact equivalent to the ordinary equative verb "to be" (is, was, will be) as with 1510 /eimí (1511 /eínai, 2258 /ēn). 1096 (ginomai) means "to become, and signifies a change of condition, state or place" (Vine, Unger, White, NT, 109).

Matthew 1:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.

gennaó: to beget, to bring forth

Original Word: γεννάω

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: gennaó

Phonetic Spelling: (ghen-nah'-o)

Definition: to beget, to bring forth

Usage: I beget (of the male), (of the female) I bring forth, give birth to.

1080 gennáō – properly, beget (procreate a descendant), produce offspring; (passive) be born, “begotten.”

bear, beget, conceive.

From a variation of **genos**; to procreate (properly, of the father, but by extension of the mother); figuratively, to regenerate -- bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of, gender, make, spring.

1 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the Spirit,
Seen by angels,
Preached among the Gentiles,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.

Hebrews 10:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

*“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
But a body You have prepared for Me.*

1 John 4:2–3 (NKJV)

² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

Philippians 2:5–11 (NKJV)

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being **ὑπάρχων** in the form **μορφῆ**, of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal **ἴσος** with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation **κενόω**, taking the form **μορφῆ** of a bondservant, *and* coming **γίνομαι** in the likeness **ὁμοίωμα** of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance **σχήμα** as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every

name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

58.33 ἴσος, η, ον: pertaining to that which is equal, either in number, size, quality, or characteristics—‘equal, equivalent, same.’ τὸ μῆκος καὶ τὸ πλάτος καὶ τὸ ὕψος αὐτῆς ἴσα ἐστὶν ‘the length and breadth and height of it are the same’ Re 21:16; ἴσον ἑαυτὸν ποιῶν τῷ θεῷ ‘making himself equal with God’ Jn 5:18.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 588). New York: United Bible Societies.

kenōō – properly, to empty out, render void; (passive) be emptied – hence, without recognition, perceived as valueless (Phil 2:7). [See 2756](#) (kenos).

homoíōma (a neuter noun derived from homos, "the same") – properly, the same as; likeness, similitude (resemblance).

/sxēma ("outward, visible form") is used of Jesus' earthly body (Phil 2:7,8). Christ incarnated into a genuine physical body, which was not an "exact match with typical humanity" because His body was never touched or tainted by sin (even original sin).

Isaiah 45:21–23 (NKJV)

²¹

And *there is* no other God besides Me,
A just God and a Savior;

There is none besides Me.

²² “Look to Me, and be saved,
All you ends of the earth!
For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.

²³ I have sworn by Myself;
The word has gone out of My mouth *in*
righteousness,
And shall not return,
That to Me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall take an oath.

- I. The Substantiation of Scripture
- II. The Sending of the God-Man
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One final and very important reason for the virgin birth of Christ is the need for a sinless sacrifice.

We need a human to stand in our place as our substitute, but we need a sinless human to be without his own guilt and sin, so that he will not die because of his own sin but can die for the sins of others.

We need a spotless lamb to die for dirty sheep as Doug Wilson says.

But we also need that sacrifice to be God, so that the sacrifice is infinite in value to pay for the eternal consequences of the sins of individuals

All the points I have made are important, but nothing so speaks of the vital necessity of the virgin birth than the need for the spotless lamb.

Salvation is not possible without the virgin birth. Far from a doctrine that should be relegated to secondary issues of which you can disagree, this doctrine is essential and absolute to the nature of the God-man.

If you do away with the virgin birth or deny the miraculous nature of the Son of God being born only of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit, you have destroyed the doctrine of Christ and the efficacy of the atonement.

It is far from minor, but is a major issue.

When liberals attacked the miracle of the virgin birth or even the need for the virgin birth, they were striking a blow at the very heart of the Gospel.

The events recording in Matthew and Luke are not only essential, they are mandatory to the mission of Christ to atone for His people.

Without it, there is no atonement.

Without it, there is no forgiveness.

Without it there is no ransom paid.

Without it there is no propitiation.
Without it there is no substitution.
Without the virgin birth, there is no
Salvation....period.

So how does the virgin birth affect or better produce
a sinless son of man and a sinless son of God.

Well first of all, lets all agree that the bible is very
clear that Jesus had no sin and committed no sin.
On this point there is not debate...the Scripture is
very clear.

1 John 3:5 (NKJV)

⁵ And you know that He was manifested to take
away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot
sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all
points tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

Hebrews 7:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is*
holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,
and has become higher than the heavens;

1 Peter 2:21–23 (NKJV)

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²² *“Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;*

²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

John 8:46 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ **Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?**

So it is clear from Scripture that Jesus had no sin, possessed no sinful nature, and never committed an act or thought that was sinful. He was absolutely holy and righteous and was perfect in keeping the commandments.

But how did that come to be. Was it as Charles Ryrie said in his “Basic Theology”

What was the purpose of the Virgin Birth? It need not be the necessary means of preserving Christ sinless, since God could have overshadowed two parents so as to protect the baby’s sinlessness had He so desired. It served as a sign of the uniqueness of the person who was born

Ryrie, C. C. (1999). [*Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*](#) (p. 279). Chicago, IL: Moody Press.

I don’t believe that the virgin birth had that little of significance. I believe it directly affected the transmission of sin and the sin nature to the human nature of Christ.

Every person since the creation of Adam has had a human father except Adam and Christ. Both Adam and Christ’s Father is God. Adam was created by God without a human father.

and

Christ humanity was created by God without a human father.

Adam was created innocent of guilt and sin.
Christ humanity was created innocent of guilt and sin.

Adam lived for a time in sinlessness before the fall and he fell because he was only human.

Christ lived in time and now in eternity in sinless perfection, and did not fall because He was God.

Also the teaching of Scripture is that Man, not woman is held responsible for the fall of man in sin. That the original sin of rebellion against the authority fo God is laid at the feet of Adam, not Eve.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:17–19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one,

¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment* came to all men, resulting in condemnation,

. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

Further more, scripture teaches that Adam was not deceived but the woman was.

1 Timothy 2:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Adam was fully aware of the sin he was committing yet it is clear that the woman was not. The woman is not innocent and will be held responsible for sin. But the man is the head of the wife and was fully responsible for not teaching and protecting his wife from the devil and the temptation of sin.

Genesis 2:15–18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Notice that the command was given directly to man before the woman was created. He was the one held responsible.

18 And the Lord God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Genesis 2:22–25 (NKJV)

²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ And Adam said:

“This *is* now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:1–6 (NKJV)

3 Now the serpent

The serpent, who is the serpent?

Revelation 12:9 (NKJV)

⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

It is important at this point to recognize that that sin has already happened. In heaven the Angel, Lucifer has rebelled and fallen and was cast to the earth.

Although, a sin as already happened, God did not curse the earth or the universe at this time, and death has not been given.

Genesis 3:1–6 (NKJV)

3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ ”

We do not know if God told her too or Adam. She either got the commandment wrong

because Adam told her wrong or she repeated it wrong.

⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband **with her, and he ate.**

Genesis 3:7–24 (NKJV)

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ Then the Lord God **called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”**(**masculine singular**)

¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

¹¹ And He said, “Who told you **ms** that you **ms** *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you **ms** that you should not eat?”

¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

¹³ And the Lord God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

(God does not deny the deception, affirms it in the N.T.)

¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.

¹⁵ 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.”

¹⁶ To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
 In pain you shall bring forth children; (**pain in birth**)
 Your desire *shall be* for your husband,
 And he shall rule over you.” (**problems with submission**)

Notice, no sentence of death, no curse on the earth, only that which relates to her children and husband.

17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;
 In toil you shall eat *of* it
 All the days of your life.

18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,
 And you shall eat the herb of the field.

19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread (hard work)

Till you return to the ground, (death)
 For out of it you were taken;
 For dust you *are*,
 And to dust you shall return.”

Notice with Adam, his punishment is directly related to his lack of godly headship. He did not lead to righteousness and away from sin, rather he submitted to his wife that was deceived by the devil. He failed as the Head of the home and is directly responsible for both of them

As a result the earth is entire earth is cursed and affected by his sin and death comes because of his sin.

22 Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man **ms** has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever” —
23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.
24 So He drove out the man; **ms** and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 5:1–3 (NKJV)

5 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the

day they were created. ³ And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot *a son in his own likeness, after his image*, and named him Seth.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;

This is indication that the fallen image of man is passed down thru the man, not the woman.

So now every man and woman that has been born because they have a human father are cast in the image of Adam, the sinful fallen image and likeness of Adam

It was only when that process was short circuited and stopped that the fallen image of Adam was stopped, and what stopped it dead in its tracks what the miraculous virgin birth.

1 Corinthians 15:47–50 (NKJV)

⁴⁷ The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸ As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the

image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

This is achieved only one way. Through the virgin birth, the spotless lamb of God was born. The perfect Human substitute who was truly man and truly God, to die for our sins, and not his own, being an infinite person, could pay the eternal punishment that I deserved.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

So in conclusion

The virgin Birth is a fulfillment of Scripture that testifies to its truthfulness and reliability.

The Virgin Birth is the means of God being made in the flesh and coming as the God-Man.

The Virgin Birth is means of God keeping the Son of Man from being contaminated with the sin of Adam therefore allowing the Son of God to be our perfect Substitute and spotless Lamb to save us dirty sheep.

