

## Born Of A Virgin

Next to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the virgin birth is the most contested event in His life. Near the turn of the twentieth century, theologians began to view the virgin birth as a sort of "litmus" test of a person's belief in the supernatural. They reasoned that if a person could believe that event, then they would probably accept the other miracles recorded in the Bible. The virgin birth became a springboard to controversy over God's relationship to the world. Liberal theologians held the view that God only works in the world through natural, ordinary means; while their conservative counterparts stated that God has intervened in the natural world in a supernatural way to accomplish His will, as is clearly revealed in the Scriptures.

The virgin birth of Jesus is a singular event, a unique occurrence among human beings. The conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary was not the result of a sexual relationship, but of a supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit upon her. Joseph, to whom Mary was betrothed, *"did not know her"* until after she gave birth to Jesus (Matt. 1:25). He was a *"conceived in her of the Holy Spirit,"* said an angel of the Lord to Joseph (Matt. 1:18, 20). Matthew adds, *"Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet saying: 'Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us'"* (Matt. 1:22-23; Isa. 7:14). For the complete article please take a moment and visit our website: [greenmeadowchurchofchrist.com](http://greenmeadowchurchofchrist.com). Thank You!

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