

THE LIFE OF JESUS

Why Was Jesus Born Of A Virgin?

Luke 1:26-38 - In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail." ³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Jesus had to be born of a virgin in order to fulfill prophecy.

Isaiah 7:14 - The Lord himself will give you the sign. The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Genesis 3:14-15 - Then the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live. ¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Reason for the Virgin Birth

1) God declared that the only acceptable way for sin to be forgiven is our best sacrifice.

2) God's plan was to one day offer one perfect sacrifice that would be for all people for all time.

3) God's ultimate sacrifice had to be without sin.

- **Jesus was born as a human, which allowed Him to be the sacrifice for humans.**

- **Jesus' human nature did not automatically mean that**

- **He had a sinful nature (Adam before the fall).**

- **Our sin nature is passed down from Adam.**

- **Jesus did not have that passed down from Joseph.**

Romans 5:12 - When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

The greatest reason to celebrate Christmas is that Jesus came to live a sinless life so that He could take the punishment for our sin on the cross (our sacrifice) so that we can:

- **Have our sins forgiven**
- **Become a child of God**
- **Have eternal life**