

**Great Doctrines of the Bible V:  
Conceived of the Holy Spirit, Born of a Virgin  
Luke 1:26**

1. One of the great mysteries of the world surrounds the existence of Jesus Christ.
  - a. That's what Paul said in our reading last week - **1 Tim 3:16** **Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.**
2. Not all of the birth narrative of Luke is just about a baby being born in a manger.
  - a. The events surrounding the birth of Jesus is the story of a young Jewish girl who had never been married.
  - b. We've all been there.
  - c. Mary was troubled to be with child. Her fear was not just the loss of reputation.
3. What is the significance of the virgin birth of Jesus?
  - I. Evidence of the Deity of Jesus.
    - A There are those who are against the virgin birth of Jesus.
      1. The reason is because they do not believe in the supernatural.
      2. They reject the miracle of Jesus being born as a result of the Holy Spirit.
      3. So they reject all miracles.
    - B The birth of Jesus into our world is called the Incarnation.
      1. This is just a simple way of describing something that is beyond our understanding. God became flesh.
    - C When the Messiah comes on the scene there must be a way to clearly identify Him.
      1. Jesus was predicted at the fall of mankind in **Genesis 3:15**.
      2. There is the prophecy of a forerunner in **Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1**.
      3. Jesus was born by the miracle of the virgin birth (**Isaiah 7:14**).
      4. The place of Jesus' birth was prophesied in **Micah 5:2**.
  - II. So How Did God Become a Human Being?
    - A The answer is the Virgin Birth.
    - B Through the work of God.
    - C By the cooperation of Mary (**Luke 1:38**).
  - III. Why Is The Virgin Birth of Jesus Important to Us?
    - A Because Jesus was the heavenly child of an earthly mother, he is the perfect revealer of God in terms which human beings can understand (**2 Cor. 4:4-6**).
    - B God made a new beginning in the history of his creation by coming in person and becoming a part of that history.
    - C The virgin birth means that Jesus is totally human (**Heb. 4:15-16**).
    - D The virgin birth means that Jesus is totally divine.