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Virgin Birth – Foundation 01

Luke 1:34-35

Luke 1:34-35, *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.*

V30-33, *Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour 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.”*

The story of Jesus Christ starts historically.

The angel Gabriel comes to a teen-aged girl, probably 13 or 14, living in a humble home in Nazareth and tells her that God has chosen her for special grace and favour, which is that she will become the mother of the Son of God and that she will conceive and bear that Son while still a virgin.

Obviously from a human perspective, that is not possible.

V 34 Mary says, "How can this be since I'm a virgin?"

V 37 the angel reminds her, "Nothing will be impossible with God."

What is going to happen is described in verse 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."*

Now the conception of Jesus Christ in this manner is unique in all the history of humanity. This is the only time this has or ever will occur.

This is critical to the Christian message.

This is critical to the gospel.

This is critical to Christianity, to biblical theology, because it protects the nature of Christ as God and Man.

He had to be born of God to be Son of God. He had to be born of a woman to be Son of Man.

So, in this incredible miracle, Mary, who is human, and God, who is divine, are brought together and one is born of God and of woman who is God and Man, the God-Man Jesus Christ.

The nature of Jesus Christ as God and Man is at the heart of the Christian faith. If anyone denies the deity of Jesus Christ, they have destroyed Christianity. What you have left is a satanic, deceptive, counterfeit, lying religion invented by men and demons to destroy the truth.

Whether it is essential to believe that Jesus was conceived in a virgin?

Yes!

Because it is essential to saving faith to put your trust in the true Christ.

You must believe that Jesus is who He is and who He is God and Man, and that is preserved and launched.

Now history has had some amazing births. Biblical history has had some amazing births.

The birth of Isaac was amazing and miraculous. The father of Isaac was Abraham. He was 100 years old. The mother of Isaac was Sarah. She was 90 years old and barren, unable to have children, and at that age God gave Abraham and Sarah a son, Isaac, a real miracle child. Isaac then really became the father of the whole redemptive community through whom Messiah finally came, a notable child, a covenant child.

Samson was born to the barren wife of Manoah, Judges 13. "Whose womb had been closed," to the barren of Manoah was

given a son, her womb miraculously opened by God to give her a son. Samson was not like any other son who ever lived before or since. He could take a lion in his bare hands and turn the lion inside out. He could slay thousands with the jawbone of an ass. He was so powerful that he could bring down a stone temple on himself and thousands of others who were buried in the rubble of it.

There was the barren Hannah who pined away because she never had a child. The Lord opened her womb that He had shut and gave her a son named Samuel, not just any son, but Samuel the prophet, Samuel the priest, and Samuel the anointer of kings.

We come into the New Testament the first chapter of Luke, we meet a barren old couple, Zacharias, and Elizabeth. They were old because he was serving as a priest in his old age. There was a 60-year cap on service for the Levites, but there was no cap on service for the priests. He well could have been in his 70s. They never had had children. God allowed Zacharias and Elizabeth to come together and conceive a son. She who was barren became pregnant. Not just any son was born out of that union, but John the Baptist of whom Jesus said he was the greatest man who had ever lived up until his time. He was the forerunner of the Messiah Himself.

- Isaac miraculously born.
- Samson miraculously born.

- Samuel miraculously born.
- John miraculously born.

All of them with incredible and astounding lives as God miraculously and supernaturally allowed those children to be conceived and born.

There have been some remarkable births that were not miraculous. The most defining and remarkable birth was the birth of little Louise Brown, five pounds, twelve ounces, born to John and Leslie Brown of Lancashire, England on July 25, 1978. The first child ever born, conceived outside human bodies. For the first time God permitted a baby to be born that had been conceived outside the human body.

After 12 years of specific research, the capability came to remove a mother's egg, fertilize it with a sperm removed from a father, do it all in a test tube, then place that fertilized egg back into the womb of a mother, or for that matter a surrogate mother, to be carried until birth. That is amazing. It is becoming something we take for granted today.

So, if you look at biblical history there have been some amazing births, miraculous, and supernatural births. If you just look at modern history, there have been some amazing non-miraculous, non-supernatural, normal births assisted by science.

Science has even made some attempt at parthenogenesis. **Parthenos** is the Greek word "**virgin**," and parthenogenesis literally means "**virgin generated**," "**virgin conceived**." Science has attempted to allow life to be reproduced without the normal partnership of male and female. Through lab experiments they have produced parthenogenic life among some lower forms.

Never has any kind of parthenogenesis been done on the human level. It is a biological impossibility. There is no scientific explanation, no fertility drugs, no external lab kind of environment, no environment can be created to produce on a human level parthenogenesis.

Now even if parthenogenesis of some form could be achieved on a human level, and it cannot, but let's say for the sake of argument even if it could, the case of Mary parthenogenetically bearing a son would be impossible.

Geneticists have demonstrated that mammals have two X chromosomes in the females and the males have an X and Y chromosomes. Most of you remember that from your education.

Thus, if you took an unfertilized egg cell, a female egg cell and could somehow create an environment in which it could reproduce itself, two X chromosomes could only reproduce X chromosomes and thus the product of that parthenogenesis,

could it occur, would have to also be female. That was the case in the Pincus rabbits. They were female only.

So even if somehow, we could assume that there was some way in which natural parthenogenesis could occur. We know it cannot humanly, but even if it could, Mary would only have been able to produce a daughter, not a son.

When Mary gave birth without a man, without a male sperm, as a virgin, to a son, there was then no human explanation. That is exactly the way God designed it. Since the human male determines the sex of the child, it is obvious that the sex of Jesus' human nature was determined by God. God divinely produced a male child. He produced the male chromosomes and divinely fertilized the egg in Mary's womb.

There have been some amazing births, some miraculous births, as we just saw. And even some wonderful achievements in science, the ethics of which are certainly debatable. But the achievements are amazing. But none of the supernatural births in the Scriptures and none of the scientifically advanced capabilities of our modern time to produce unique births come anywhere close to the virgin conception of Jesus Christ. There is no scientific, there is no human explanation.

Jesus was not the miracle child of a barren woman who was made fertile by God.

Jesus was conceived in a virgin.

He could not be parthenogenetically produced. It was not that He was some freak of nature in a pre-sophisticated scientific time. As remote as such a quasi-natural explanation might be, it is impossible to produce a son. He was born of a woman, conceived in a womb where no male sperm existed and where no female capability to reproduce a man was possible. He had no earthly father.

This then is the most amazing birth ever and the only one like it. Jesus Christ was conceived in a virgin without a male source for a seed and conceived.

According to verse 35, the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most-High, the Creator God Himself will overshadow you, then the holy offspring that is produced will not be the son of man but Son of God.

The Christian faith.

God was conceived and born in a human womb. That is the incarnation. This is the foundation of Christianity. If you tamper with that, you tamper with the nature of Jesus Christ.

If you come up with any other than the Christ of the New Testament, you have a false religion. If anybody, Paul said, preaches any other Jesus, let him be accursed. It is a damnable lie to assault the virgin conception, virgin birth, and the nature

of Jesus as the God-Man. Anybody who does it is propagating a damnable lie.

If you say that Jesus is

- a man,
- only a man,
- good man,
- noble man,
- religious leader,
- prophet,
- created angel, and
- moulded and shaped by God as He was an angelic spirit.

If you say anything other than that He was the God-Man, you have pronounced upon yourself a curse. All of the Christian faith is built upon the nature of Jesus as the God-Man which is defined from this conception.

In order to be the Son of God, He had to be born of God.
In order to be the Son of Man, He had to be born of a woman.
That is precisely what happened. God came in human flesh.

The Jewish leaders believed that the Messiah, they were looking for their deliverer, they believed that when He came He would be a Son of David, that He would come in the royal line, that was pretty obvious.

According to 2 Samuel 7 He would be one of David's greater sons who could come to be the King and the Messiah. They believed that the Messiah would be in the line of David, He would have royal blood. But it was not a widespread belief, if even a popular belief, that He would be God.

In fact, when Jesus said He was Son of David, that was not a problem. But when Jesus said He was Son of God that was a problem. Jesus could say He was Son of Man all He wanted. Jesus could say He was Son of David all He wanted because they could trace His lineage.

Matthew chapter 1 gives His lineage as coming from David, and Luke chapter 3 gives the lineage of Mary coming from David. They did not argue that He was a Son of Man, human.

They did not argue that He was a Son of David, royal blood. But when He said He was the Son of God, they killed Him. So, far from expecting their Messiah to be the Son of God, that disqualified Him.

Now those Jewish leaders who executed Jesus Christ. They passed the execution over to the Romans to carry it out, but it was their idea. Those leaders that did that are no different than atheists, sceptics, cultists, and liberals today who denounce the God-Man, who denounce the incarnation, who denounce the virgin conception, who denounce the virgin birth.

Last survey something around 50 percent of students in Protestant seminaries in America believe in the virgin conception and birth of Jesus Christ. These are men, supposedly, in training for Christian ministry. But if you deny the virgin conception of Jesus Christ, you are not a Christian and that is not Christianity.

We know that something around 50 percent of the people in the major Christian denominations affirm belief in the virgin birth, the rest do not. But no doctrine of Scripture is determined by majority vote.

Romans 3:4, *Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."*

Luke then wants us to understand the importance of the virgin birth. As miraculous, as astonishing, as inexplicable as it is on human terms, as beyond our grasp from a scientific viewpoint, because of its supernatural character as this virgin conception is, yet we are called in the simplest of language as was Mary to accept it as reality.

If all the Jewish leaders didn't believe it and if all of the people didn't believe that Messiah was going to be God, and that there was going to be some kind of miraculous virgin birth take place.

If they killed Him for saying He was the Son of God if this was not part of Messianic expectation. Students of the Old Testament did not really anticipate this reality, shouldn't we believe that this was something devised by people so as to cause Jesus to somehow rise above the crowd?

Three foundations.

1. The Old Testament

We are in the first dawning of redemptive history here, creation in chapter 1, and in chapter 2. Then in chapter 3 man falls into sin and he is cursed, and woman is cursed by having pain in childbearing and having conflict in marriage. Man is cursed by having to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow and he too must engage in the conflict that marriage brings.

Then God pronounces a curse on the serpent, who is Satan.

Genesis 3:14-15, *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."*

Now this is a very important prophecy. This is really the first prophecy next to the one where God said, "In the day you eat of the Tree of Life you will die," that was a prophecy, too. But this is the first prophecy that looks forward to redemption.

There is coming someone. This someone is called "her seed," and this one who is her seed will bruise the head of Satan, a crushing deadly blow.

Who is that?

Only one person could affect the deadly crushing blow on the head of Satan was Christ. Satan bruised His heel, Satan dealt a blow against Christ obviously in His death on the cross, but it was only a minor wound and out of that wound came redemption.

The risen Christ came forth out of the grave triumphant to give the fatal blow to Satan. That will be executed on him. It was won at the cross, it will be finally executed when he is sentenced and cast into the Lake of Fire forever.

The One who will crush the head of Satan is called her seed.

A woman does not have a seed.

When God gave a promise to Abraham, God said this.

Genesis 22:18, *In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."*

The man has the seed. A woman does not have the seed.

How could a woman have a seed?

Only one time did a woman ever have a seed of her own and that by the miraculous intervention of God.

The Jews, if they knew Genesis, should have seen that.

Isaiah 7:14, *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

The Lord will give you a sign.

What sign?

A virgin will be with child and bear a Son.

- That does not happen.
- That cannot happen.
- That is impossible.

If that happens, that is a sign. Furthermore, "When she brings forth that child, she will call His name Immanuel, God.

El is "God," immanu is "with us."

When the child is born name Him "God is here."

When a virgin is pregnant and has a son, that is a sign. It cannot happen humanly.

Even if parthenogenesis could happen and it cannot, but for the sake of argument, if it could then it would be a girl, not a son.

The word used there for virgin, **almah**, is used only nine times in the Old Testament, a translation of pure virginity.

The New Testament equivalent of it is **parthenos** always means virgin.

Matthew 1:22-23, *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.”*

- Matthew used the word **parthenos** for virgin, which means virgin.
- Jesus used the word **parthenos** three times in the parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25.
- Luke used it twice of Mary.
- Luke used it in Acts 21 of Philip's four virgin daughters.
- Paul distinguishes between a wife and a virgin in 1 Corinthians 7.
- John records the word **parthenos** as descriptive of men who had no sexual relationship with women and were therefore totally yielded to God in Revelation 14:14.

So ***parthenos*** means one who has had no sexual relationship at all. Mary was a virgin and that was the intent of **Isaiah 7:14**. That was a sign. If a girl got pregnant and had a son, that is not a sign, that happened all the time. But when a virgin is pregnant and brings into the world a son, that is a sign.

- One rabbi wrote, "Messiah is to have no earthly father."
- Another rabbi wrote, "The birth of Messiah alone shall be without defect."
- Another rabbi wrote, "His birth shall not be like that of other men."
- Another wrote, "The birth of Messiah shall be like the dew of the Lord as drops upon the grass without the action of man."

There were some rabbis, were there faithful believers, who understood that Messiah would be born of a virgin.

The Jewish leaders never thought that.

John 7:27, *However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."*

They thought Jesus was just a common, Galilean guy born in the town of Nazareth to Joseph and Mary.

John 6:41-42, *The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven."⁴² And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and*

mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

They did not see the Old Testament prophecy.

They may have expected special birth, apparently not a virgin birth and certainly not somebody born to a common couple in a dumpy place called Nazareth.

Psalm 2, where you have God saying this about the Son: That He is going to bring His Son into the world, He's going to install Him as King on Zion.

Psalms 2:7-8, *"I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*

Psalm 2 says He would rule the nations with a rod of iron, which is a messianic prophecy. If they had understood Psalm 2, they would have understood that the Messiah who rules the world, who rules in the kingdom of Israel at Zion is going to be born the Son of God and that He was already in God's presence.

2. The doctrine of the Trinity.

Deuteronomy 6:4, *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!”*

The distinguishing truth of true religion, the distinguishing truth of true religion.

There were all kinds of gods among the nations. They were polytheistic, they had many gods.

Israel had one God because there is only one true and living God.

Deuteronomy 6:5, *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

You can do that because you do not have to reserve any of that love for any other deity because there is not any other one. There is one God, and you are to love that one God with all your soul, with all your heart, with all your might.

You do not divide that love because there is no other God. You love Him and Him alone with all your being. If there were three gods, you could love two of them and not one, or you could love one of them and not two, or you could love three of them with a third of your passion, but you could never love God with all

your heart, all your soul, all your mind leaving nothing back if there was more than one.

James 2:19, *You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!*

Demons have better theology than many religious people. God is one, yet though one in nature and one in essence, He is three persons.

Can I explain it?

No.

Why?

Because I cannot understand it fully.

Do I believe it?

Yes!

Why?

Because it is revealed in Scriptures.

The fact that I can't understand it says nothing about God, but an awful lot about me.

We know there are three persons in the one essential God.

Because in Genesis 1 when God says He creates, "In the beginning God created,"

The word "God" is Elohim that is a plural word.

Genesis 1:26, *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

God says, "Let us make man in our image." He uses a plural personal pronoun: "**Let us**" and "**our image.**"

Isaiah 6 when God is speaking.

Isaiah 6:8, *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?"*

Isaiah 48:16, *"Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me."*

Here we see God and Spirit, at least two.

There are plenty of references in the Old Testament to the Father God, to the Spirit, and to the Son who very often appears as the angel of the Lord.

You come into the New Testament and Jesus is there at His baptism, the Son of God, and the Father is speaking out of heaven.

Matthew 3:17, *And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

We have all three members of the Trinity in the same scene at the same time.

John 15:26, *"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.*

The Son sends the Spirit from the Father, keeping the distinction.

At the great commission.

Matthew 28:19, *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

2 Corinthians 13:14, *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

There are numerous references to the fact that God though one God is three persons.

That is the first thing that lays the foundation for the virgin birth. God does not have to fully create a Son, one already eternally exists!

The second member of the Trinity, eternally God, is literally put into human flesh to be born of a virgin.

When the virgin conception took place, God and Man came together. That was because the only one who has a right to reign and a right to rule is not just Son of David, but Son of God, Psalm 2.

So, you have the Old Testament foundation and you have the foundation in the doctrine of the Trinity.

3. The person and work of Messiah.

Isaiah 43:10-11, *“You are My witnesses,” says the Lord, “And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. ¹¹I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no saviour.”*

Isaiah 45:22, *“Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.*

Everybody on the face of the earth who wants to be saved must turn to Him.

He alone saves!

Titus 1:3, *but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;*

Titus 2:10, *not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.*

Titus 3:4, *But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,*

God is our Saviour.

God is a saving God. He is by nature a Saviour.

1 Timothy 4:10, *For to this end we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those who believe.*

Why it is so interesting?

Matthew 1:21, *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."*

If there is one God and He alone is Saviour and Jesus is Saviour.

Then who is Jesus?

He is unmistakably God.

Luke 2:11, *For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.*

- ✓ God is the only Saviour,
- ✓ Jesus is a Saviour,
- ✓ Therefore, Jesus is God!

Acts 4:12, *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

The Samaritans were right when they named Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Isaiah 43:14-15, *Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I will send to Babylon, And bring them all down as fugitives— The Chaldeans, who rejoice in their ships. ¹⁵ I am the Lord, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."*

There is no other Redeemer.

Hosea 13:14, *"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden from My eyes."*

God is the Redeemer.

Yet it says in **Galatians 3:13**, "*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law.*"

If God is the only redeemer and Christ redeemed us, then Christ is God.

It necessitates a virgin conception and virgin birth for God to be born in the world and Jesus is God, therefore it is understandable that He was born this way.

1 Peter 1:18-19, *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

He is the Redeemer. Since God alone redeems, He is God. Since He is God, the Son of God, the second member of the Trinity, pre-existing, coming into human life, it had to be by means of a miraculous coming together of what is divine and what is human and that is the virgin conception and birth.

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The whole Old Testament many times God called Himself holy. He refers to His holiness over and over repeatedly.

Luke 1:35, *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.*

Zechariah 14:9, *And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— "The Lord is one," And His name one.*

God says,

- ✓ I am your King,
- ✓ I am your only Saviour,
- ✓ I am your only Redeemer,
- ✓ I am the only Holy One.

Pilate said to Him, "Are you a King?" And Jesus says back, "Yes, you have so said it."

Revelation 19:16, *And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

There is no other explanation for Jesus Christ!

- ✓ He is the Saviour God,
- ✓ the Redeemer God,
- ✓ the holy God, and

- ✓ the sovereign God in human flesh
- ✓ required a miraculous virgin conception and birth.

Deuteronomy 6:13, *You shall fear the Lord your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name.*

Worship the Lord your God and Him only.

Hebrews 1:6, *But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."*

If God Himself calls the angels and men to worship Christ and worship is reserved only for God, then Christ is God.

Isaiah 45:23, *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.*

Philippians 2:9-11, *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.*

If God demands that every knee bow and every tongue acknowledge His sovereignty, and swear allegiance to Him, and

God calls for that for Christ, then there is only one conclusion, Christ is God.

This is the Christian faith and anything other than this is not.

Isaiah 42:8, *I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.*

That is an absolute, unilateral statement!

John 1:14, *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.*

John 12:41, *These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.*

So, if you think that somebody just invented the virgin birth, think again!

- ✓ The Old Testament said it would come,
- ✓ The Trinity makes it a reality, and
- ✓ The very nature and work of Jesus Christ demands it.

This is the foundation of the virgin birth.