

Like A Virgin 1-02-2022  
Why is the Doctrine of the Virgin Birth Important?  
Matthew 1:18-24

- Doctrine: belief or set of beliefs held and taught by the Bible.
  - The virgin birth of Jesus is doctrinally important for several significant reasons.
1. Jesus had a heavenly origin. The most important reason to hold the belief in the virgin birth concerns Jesus's identity as God the Son, the second person of the trinity. If Joseph were His true father, then Jesus would only be a human being. He would not be the son of God as the Scripture clearly states. He would have had His beginning in time rather than eternally existing. (John 1:1)
  2. Jesus had a sinless nature. Another reason why the virgin birth is important concerns the sinless character of Christ. If Jesus had a human father, then He would have inherited a sinful nature as the rest of us have (II Corinthians 5:21)
  3. Jesus was the perfect sacrifice. Another reason the virgin birth is crucial to the Christian faith concerns our salvation. Without the sinlessness of Christ there would be no salvation. Christ came, according to the Apostle Paul, to save those who were under the law. (Hebrews 10:14)
  4. The uniqueness and deity of Christ. What the virgin birth does show is the uniqueness of Christ. No one else has ever come into the world the same way as Jesus. The unique and miraculous nature of Christ carried on through His entire life. His birth was a miracle, His public ministry consisted of miracles, Jesus miraculously lived a sinless life, he miraculously came back from the dead, and left the world in a miraculous way. From His entrance into this world until His departure, the life of Jesus was a miracle. (John 21:25)
  5. The humanity of Christ. This was the important to us, early believers and our early fathers. Jesus was really born and He is really one of us. (Isaiah 7:14)
  6. The doctrine of Scripture. If Scripture is in error here, then why should we trust its claims about other super natural events, such as the resurrection? (II Timothy 3:16-17)
  7. The nature of grace. The birth of Christ, in which the initiative and power are all of God. This is a big picture of God's saving grace in general of which the virgin birth is a part of. It teaches us that salvation is by God's act, not our human effort. The birth of Jesus is like our new birth, which is also by the Holy Spirit, it is a new creation. (II Corinthians 5:17)

Points To Remember About Jesus

- A heavenly origin
- A sinless nature
- A perfect sacrifice and uniqueness of Christ
- The Bible says it happened
- To reject the virgin birth is to reject God's Word; consequences
- Disbelief in the virgin birth may lead to compromise on other areas of equal importance.
- No immorality nor any illegitimacy