THE VIRGIN BIRTH

INTRODUCTION:

1. In this lesson we want to study the evidence that proves Jesus was born of a virgin.
2. His virgin birth proves that He is the only begotten Son of God.
3. Jesus was not "a" Son of God as we who are Christians -- II Cor. 6: 17 - 18; I John 3:1
4. Jesus is the ONLY Begotten Son of God -- John 3:16; John 1:14; 1: 18; I John 4:9
5. God has only ONE Son who sustains this unique Sonship and Essence of Deity -- John 1: 14; Luke 1: 35
6. Jesus never considered Himself the Son of God in the same sense as the disciples were sons of God:
   (1) Luke 2: 46 - 49 "My Father's business"
   (2) Matt. 7: 21 "The will of My Father"
   (3) Matt. 12:50 "do the will of My Father"
   (4) John 20:17; Matt. 6:1 "My Father and your Father"
7. Jesus' question to the Pharisees --:What think ye of Christ?" --Matt. 22:42 -- "Whose Son is He?" is a question that men have had to deal with from the time He walked on the earth.
8. Jesus, when He came into the coast of Caesarea Philippi, "He asked His disciples saying, who do men say that I the Son of man am?" --Matt. 16: 13 - 18
   (1) Some said He was John the Baptist.
   (2) Some Elijah
   (3) Others, Jeremiah
   (4) Some saw Him as one of the prophets.
   (5) They thought He was a great man -- a man with a prophetic message, but simply and only a man.
9. Many would take Him out of the "God - class" and put Him in the "man - class" now. . .
   (1) It has become popular for denominational preachers to deny the virgin birth of Christ.

I. THE PROPHECY OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

1. The Old Testament expectation begins with God's promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent -- Gen. 3:15
2. It continued in the promise to Abraham -- Gen. 12:3; Gen. 22:18
3. Isaiah's prophecy:
   (1) Isaiah 7:14
   (2) Isaiah 9: 6 - 7

III. NEW TESTAMENT TESTIMONY

1. Matthew stated the fulfillment of Isaiah 7: 14 when he writes from Joseph's point of view:
   (1) Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they had come together she was with child -- Matt. 1: 18
(2) An angel appeared unto Joseph and assured him that he need not fear to take unto himself his ESPOUSED wife, for that which was conceived in her was of the Holy Spirit -- Matt. 1:20

(3) The angel told Joseph that Mary should bring forth a son -- Matt. 1: 21

(4) The angel revealed the name by which He should be called, which indicated what the Son's mission would be -- Matt. 1:21 "Jesus" -- Savior

(5) And finally, Joseph testified that Jesus' miraculous conception in the womb of his betrothed one would fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, thus in a special manner bringing deity into the world -- Matt. 1: 22 - 23

2. Luke deals with the appearance of the angel from Mary's point of view concerning the virgin birth of Jesus-- Luke 1: 26 - 38

(1) Mary testified that an angel, Gabriel, visited her -- Luke 1: 26 - 28

(2) Mary testified that at the time of the angel's appearance she was a virgin, saying, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man" -- Luke 1: 34

(3) The angel told Mary she would:
   1. Conceive in her womb
   2. Bear a Son
   3. and, call His name Jesus (Luke 1: 31)

(4) She further testified that the Son whom she would bear should:
   2. Be called "The Son of the Most High"
   3. Be heir of the throne of David
   4. Reign over the house of Jacob forever -- v. 33
   5. Be called the Son of God

3. The testimony of Matthew:
   (1) Matt. 1: 16
   (2) Did not say "Joseph begat Jesus"

4. The testimony of John the Baptist
   (1) John 1: 29 - 34

5. John's Testimony
   (1) John 1: 14, 18

6. Paul's Testimony
   (1) Gal. 4:4

7. Peter's Testimony
   (1) Matt. 16:16

8. God's Testimony
   (1) Matt. 3:17
   (2) Matt. 17:5
IV. WHAT DID JESUS HIMSELF BELIEVE CONCERNING HIS ORIGIN?

1. Jesus revealed His consciousness of a special relation to the Father that transcended any earthly relationship at 12 years old -- Luke 2:49

2. John 8:23 --"Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world: I am not of this world" . . .

3. In John 5: 17 - 18 He called God His Father.

V. DOCTRINAL IMPLICATIONS

1. If one accepts the Virgin Birth he can hardly deny the Deity of Jesus.

2. To accept the Virgin Birth commits one to the inspiration of the scriptures.

3. If one rejects the Virgin Birth he rejects the deity of Christ and the very foundation on which man ’s redemption rests -- Matt. 16: 16 - 18; I Cor. 3:11

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