

“HOW DID JESUS COME TO EARTH?”

I. WHY DOES ANYONE DOUBT THE VIRGIN BIRTH?

1. Because it is seen as an unexplainable miracle
2. Because it is seen as a common myth

II. WHY WE SHOULD BELIEVE IN THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Because of:

1. The affirmation of scripture

*“Now this is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But **while she was still a virgin**, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit.”*
Matthew 1:18 (NLT)

Luke 1:26-38

2. The fulfillment of prophecy

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will be with child** and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”*
Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

Isaiah 9:6-7

III. WHAT DOES THE VIRGIN BIRTH MEAN FOR YOU AND ME?

1. Belief in the virgin birth is not a secondary issue

“How will this be, Mary asked the angel, ‘since I am a virgin?’ The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you so the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.’” Luke 1:34-35 (NIV)

2. Our new birth in Jesus is patterned after the birth of Jesus

*“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but **born of God**.”*
John 1:12-13(NIV)