



"Salvation Through a Mysterious Miracle"
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~ Does the Nicene Creed have Christmas Laced In It?

"We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made: of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end."

> To be a Christian and to have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of your sins always means you believe and trust in faith that God sent him to the earth through the divine conception.

The Mystery of Christmas is About the Virgin Birth, But...

1. Christians Should Never Neglect the Miraculous

> Why Words Matter!

- ~ It is Immaculate or Miraculous? - Catholics hold to the belief of immaculate conception... elevating the rank and significance of Mary.
- ~ Romans 3:23 - "**all have sinned...**"
- ~ Mary was not immaculate - Jesus is!

> Why Names Matter!

~ Matthew records the genealogy of Jesus for a few reasons! One reason being the supernatural significance of the birth of Christ.

~ The virgin birth is owing to the divine conception of Jesus. Mary does not give birth to a baby if there first is not the miracle of divine conception.

~ *"It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie."*

- J.I. Packer (*For Your Sakes He Became Poor*)

2. Christmas Also Defeats _____ Beliefs.

~ An atheistic world (world with no God) would be perfectly fine if a miraculous story (Christmas) like that never existed.

~ All aspects of the Christmas story point to a God who is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent!

3. God Gave Us His _____ Son to Make Salvation Possible. (John 3:16)

~ *WHY* did He give us such a precious gift?

Rom 8:3: "**For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin...**"

"He became what we are, so that he might make us what He is."

~ Romans 8:1-2: "**There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.**"

~ Paul said in Galatians 3:13 "**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree..."**"