

## Foundations of the Faith Lesson 7: “Jesus Christ Part 1: Virgin Birth”

Write a synopsis of what you have learned about Jesus Christ while studying through this lesson:

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Write out 3 memory verses:

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### I. Born in a Miraculous Way

- 1) When did Jesus Christ come into existence? Jesus Christ existed in eternity past prior to any physical appearance of the man Jesus. Christ preexisted in heaven before His descent to earth in the form of man.
- 2) Where did He appear in the Old Testament?
  1. He appeared as the Angel of the Lord (Gen. 16:7-14; 21:17,18; 22:11-18; Ex. 3:2)
  2. He received worship as the Lord (Gen. 18, John 8:56)
  3. Christ is identified as the Old Testament Jehovah (Isa. 40:3, Matt. 3:3)
  4. The prophecy of God’s promised coming Messiah (Micah 5:2)
- 3) Who was the forerunner mentioned in John 1:15? John the Baptist
- 4) John 1:1-2 shows us that Jesus Christ has:
  1. Eternal existence “...was...”
  2. Eternal distinction “...with God...”
  3. Eternal identity “...was God...”
- 5) What problems would there be if Jesus Christ did not exist before the Virgin Birth? If Jesus came into existence at His birth, there can be no eternal trinity. He is not God because God is eternal. This makes Jesus a liar since not only did he claim to be God but claimed preexistence.
- 6) True or **False** The Virgin Birth has everything to do with the origin of Christ.
- 7) List the 3 reasons why the Virgin Birth was significant:
  1. The Virgin Birth shows that salvation ultimately must come from the Lord
  2. It makes possible the uniting of full deity and full humanity in one person
  3. It makes possible Christ’s true humanity without inherited sin. We believe sin is passed from the father to the son, and Jesus had no earthly father
- 8) When the incarnation took place (when God became man) it involved 4 changes in the Lord’s position and state:
  1. In His dwelling place; from the presence of the Father to the presence of men (John 1:14)
  2. In His possessions; from riches to poverty. (Luke 9:58, 2 Cor. 8:9)
  3. In his reputation among men; from glory to obscurity (John 1:10-11; 17:5)
  4. In his form; from the form of God to the likeness of men (Phil. 2:6-7)

### II. Jesus is the Son of God

- 9) True or **False** Jesus Christ is divided (part God, part man)
- 10) **True** or False Jesus Christ is not divided (completely God, completely man)

List 7 of the New Testament examples where Jesus is clearly identified as the Son of God:

- 11) In Matthew, in the wilderness temptation, the devil claimed him to be the Son of God (Matt. 4:6). Peter confessed Jesus to be the Son of God (Matt. 14:33).
- 12) Mark's Gospel was written about Jesus Christ the Son of God (Mark 1:1, 11, 9:7). The centurion at the crucifixion claimed Him to be the Son of God (Mark 15:39).
- 13) In Luke, Gabriel told Mary He would be called the Son of the most High God (Luke 1:32, 35).
- 14) The Gospel of John emphasizes God sending His Son (John 3:16, 5:22, 37). The purpose of John's Gospel is stated that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (John 20:31).
- 15) In Acts, after Paul's conversion he declared Jesus to be the Son of God (Acts 9:20).
- 16) Romans shows the Gospel pertains to the Son of God (Rom. 1:3,9). Also that God did not spare His Son the death of the cross (Rom. 8:32). We are reconciled to God by the death of his Son (Rom. 5:10) and we are to be conformed to the image of God's Son (Rom. 8:29).
- 17) In 1 Corinthians believers share in the fellowship of His Son (1 Cor. 1:9). In 2 Corinthians Jesus was preached as the Son of God. Galatians shows us that the Son was sent by the Father (Gal. 4:4). In Ephesians the goal of Christian maturity is the knowledge of God's Son (Eph. 4:13). In Philippians the incarnation shows Jesus was the Son of God (Phil. 2:5-12) In Colossians He is the image of the invisible God (Col. 1:13-15). In 1 Thessalonians we are awaiting God's Son from Heaven. (1 Thess. 1:10). In Hebrews the Son of God is superior to angels (Heb. 1:4) and to Moses (Heb. 3:3). Jesus, the Son of God, is our high priest (Heb. 4:14). In 1 John believing on the Son describes how people come to faith, by believing. (1 John 3:23, 5:10-13). In Revelation the Son of God is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, (Rev. 1:5-8; 17-20;), the Worthy Lamb of God (Rev. 5:4-14), and the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:11-21)

**III. Bonus**

- 1) If someone told you they believed that Jesus was a son of God how would you respond to them?

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