



The Virgin Birth

Proclaimed

Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 7:13-17

Luke 1:26–35

Theological Significance

A Sign

1. In the virgin birth we see the supernatural character of Jesus and the gospel.
2. The virgin birth is a sign of God's judgment on humanity.
3. The virgin birth is evidence of a new beginning.

Hebrews 1:1-2

Divine Sonship

The virgin birth also combines the divine sonship of Christ and the sinlessness of Christ.

1. It would be difficult to avoid some type of adoptionism.
2. A non-virgin birth would mean Jesus had a double paternity.
3. If there is no virgin birth then the incarnation comes from human initiative.

Sinlessness of Christ

The Bible nowhere directly links the miraculous conception to Christ's sinlessness.

1. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. By recognizing that Jesus was a creation of the Spirit eliminates any possibility of sinfulness.
2. The sinlessness of Christ and the virgin birth are connected because Jesus did not bear the guilt of Adam.
3. The virgin birth is linked to the sinlessness of Christ because a miracle is required to create a sinless human.

Roles in the Virgin Birth

Holy Spirit

The Greek word used for "overshadow" is also used in Matthew 17:5 at the transfiguration. Just as the Holy Spirit moved on the face of the waters at creation, so the Holy Spirit creates life in Mary. Christ's divine nature



is eternally *begotten* from the essence of the Father, but Christ's human nature was *created* from the essence of Mary.

Mary

Even though Christ's human nature was created, it was not created *ex nihilo*, that is, out of nothing. Christ's human nature was created from Mary's human nature.

Evidence of Humanity

Human Genealogy

Galatians 4:4–5

Luke 3:23–28

Human Body

Luke 2:40, 52; Matthew 4:2; John 19:28; John 4:6; Luke 23:46

1 John 1:1–3

1 John 4:2

Luke 24:38–43

John 20:25–27

Human Mind

Luke 2:52

Hebrews 5:8–9

Mark 13:32

1 Corinthians 15:47–49

1 Corinthians 2:8

Matthew 13:32

Human Will

Luke 22:41–42



Human Temptation

James 1:13

Hebrews 4:15

Human Obedience

Matthew 3:13–17

Romans 5:18–19

Other Evidence

There are other evidences of the humanity of Christ. Here are a few.

1. Jesus regularly prayed (Mark 14:26; Luke 10:21; Hebrews 5:7).
2. Jesus worshiped in the synagogue (Luke 4:16).
3. Jesus read and memorized Scripture (Matthew 4:4-10).
4. Jesus practiced the discipline of solitude (Mark 1:35; 6:46).
5. Jesus observed the Sabbath (Luke 4:16).
6. Jesus received the fullness of the Spirit (Luke 3:22; 4:1).

Matthew 13:53–58 ESV)

Conclusion

A few of the implications of the humanity of Christ.

1. The humanity of Jesus reveals the true human nature. Daniel 7:1-7
2. The humanity of Jesus allows him to be our representative in obedience.
3. The humanity of Jesus allows him to be our substitute in death. 1 Corinthians 15:21–22
4. The humanity of Jesus makes him the only effective mediator between God and man. 1 Timothy 2:5
5. The humanity of Jesus allows him to be a sympathetic high priest. Hebrews 4:14–16
6. The humanity of Jesus allows him to be our true example. 1 Peter 2:21

Revelation 1:12–18