

SACRED TRUTHS

Why the Virgin Birth Matters

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Every religion in the world is based on the teachings of the founder. It's true of Buddha, Confucius, Mohamed and others. This is where Christianity is different, Christianity is clearly tied to the teachings of Christ; Christians hold the Bible in the highest regard, as without err and totally inspired by God.

But Christianity is much more than the teachings of Jesus. We also we believe the birth, death and resurrection are vital parts of our faith.

The Virgin Birth is a miracle; it's not a scientific issue. It's not a strange occurrence of nature or a product of evolution, it is a miracle, done by an all-powerful God.

Why is the VB so important?

5 Reasons:

1. The Bible teaches the VB. To disavow it is to destroy our belief in God's Word. (Luke 1; Isaiah 7:14)
2. To disavow it removes the miraculous and makes Jesus merely a human who was selected instead of being born fully God and fully man.
3. To disavow it removes the ability to have a perfect sacrifice. (Hebrews 7:26-27)

4. To disavow it removes God's plan and desire to pay our sacrifice Himself (Isaiah 43:11)
5. To disavow the VB undercuts our faith in God

The Bible declares the VB

Luke 1:26-35 (Matthew 1:18-25)

V35 tells us two important truths

- Who created the pregnancy – “The Most High”
- Why There is no earthly Father – “Holy – The Son of God”

Genesis 3:15 Hebrew “Zera” = seed rendered “offspring”

Tells me that the Virgin Birth is not simply a NT concept.

Isaiah 7:14 Prophecy of the Virgin Birth

The VB reveals God's Plan

1. To redeem His people
Galatians 4:4-5 Tells us why the Virgin Birth
2. The need for a sinless sacrifice
Hebrews 7:26-27 Sinless sacrifice
3. God's miracle
Hebrews 10:5 The Father prepared the Son's body
4. Jesus knew who His true Father was
Luke 2:49 Jesus' confession
5. Jesus affirmed God as his Father
Matthew 16 Peter's confession

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- So why do you think people would like to discredit the virgin Birth? Why do people want to remove the miraculous from the Scriptures?
- What difference does it make?
- If we take the miraculous out of the actions of God/ Scriptures, what are we left with to follow?
- What does the VB say about who God is? His love for us?
- Go back thru Galatians 4:4-5; Hebrews 7:26-27 and Hebrews 10:5 - What do you see in these verses?