

Who is Jesus?  
Part 1  
Virgin Birth, Signs, Miracles and Wonders!

**Introduction-**

- Think about the following verses of scripture John 20:30-31 and John 21:25

**I. The Virgin Birth of Jesus**

- One fact about the life of Jesus that is absolutely essential to gospel account is His virgin birth!
- The virgin birth is one of several distinct events in history that set Jesus apart from other human religious figures such as Muhammad, Gandhi, and Buddha.

**II. What does scripture say about the virgin birth?**

- OT scriptures in reference to the “virgin” birth
  - Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”
  - The wonderful truth about this passage of scripture is the fact that it was written roughly 700 years before the birth of Jesus.
    - In this passage of scripture the word virgin is one of the most heavily debated words of the OT!
    - There are two Hebrew words for the word Virgin.
      - Almah-which typically means “young women”
      - Bethulah- which typically means “virgin”
    - In the passage of Isaiah 7:14 the word “virgin” is the Hebrew word “almah” which once again means young woman.
    - Psalm 119:160 NKJV “**The entirety of your word is truth**, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever”. We must compare scripture with scripture!
    - The culture during Jesus Day
      - Young Jewish women were typically “virgins”. It is not like the cultural challenges we have today
      - Those unmarried women who were not virgins were subject to death under the law
      - If there was any question about the “virginity” of a woman the law made a provision for her to be examined. Deut 22:12-21
    - The word almah “young women” and Bethulah “virgin” are used interchangeably in certain scriptures within the OT.
      - Genesis 24:16 “Speaking of Rebekah being a young woman whom a man had never known uses this concept of “almah” and “bethulah” being used interchangeably!
  - Now lets take a moment to bridge the gap to the NT
    - Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-38
    - The Hebrew word “Almah” was translated into the Greek word “Parthenos” which means “virgin”
  - Make no mistake about it Jesus “virgin” birth allows Him to fulfill the following titles in this passage of scripture!
    - Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”.

**III. Signs, Miracles and Wonders!**

- Prophecy of signs, miracles, and wonders
  - Read Isaiah 35:2-6
  - It was a common theme through scripture and we see it revealed in the NT that Jews knew that the Messiah spoken about in the Old Testament would perform Signs, Miracles, and Wonders

**IV. Did Jesus perform signs, miracles, and wonders?**

- Read the following scriptures to verify that yes Jesus did perform signs, miracles and wonders
  - John 2:23, John 6:2, John 7:3, John 11:47, and John 12:37
  - In Acts 2:22 Peter comments about the signs concerning Christ.
    - Noticed that no one stopped Peter and said “Your crazy” Jesus did not do signs, miracles and wonders
    - They all knew He did it because He did in right in the midst of those who denied Him

**V. Types of signs, miracles and wonders Jesus performed**

- Power over creation
  - Jesus First Miracle (John 2:4-11)
  - Jesus calms the raging storms on the sea (Matthew 8:23-27)
  - Jesus walks on the water (Matthew 14:22-25)
- Jesus’ ability to provide much with very little (John 6:5-16)
- Jesus Ability to heal

**IV. The most important miracle of all!**

- Spiritual healing is the most important healing of all.
  - Jesus has come most assuredly to heal the sick
  - Matthew 9:10-12
- John 3:14-16