

The Virgin Birth of Jesus

The doctrine of the virgin birth teaches that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin. That is, when Mary conceived Jesus, she had never had sexual intercourse. Jesus' birth, therefore, was truly miraculous. The virgin birth of Jesus is a crucially important doctrine and one that the Bible plainly teaches.

I. Old Testament **Pronouncement**. Isaiah 7:14 NKJV

"Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name **Immanuel**."

הַעֲלֵמָה (hā-'al-māh)

Article | Noun - feminine singular

Strong's 5959: A young woman, a virgin

- A. The sign comes from the Lord.
- B. The Hebrew word in Isaiah 7:14 is "almah," and its inherent meaning is "young woman." "Almah" can mean "virgin," as young, unmarried women in ancient Hebrew culture were assumed to be virgins. Again, though, the word does not necessarily imply virginity.
- C. The name of the child is Immanuel. c/f Mt. 1:23

II. New Testament **Declaration**. Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:26-27 NKJV

Matthew 1:23

²³ "Behold, the virgin (Παρθένος) shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," (which is translated, "God with us)."

- A. Παρθένος = young woman or young bride.
- B. Matthew 1:23 validates Isaiah 7:14.
- C. Mary's son is Immanuel.

Luke 1:26-27

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin (Παρθένον) betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's (Παρθένου) name was Mary.

III. The Miraculous Conception. Luke 1:31-35 NKJV

³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

(Some translations): I am a virgin?”

γινώσκω (ginōskō)

Verb - Present Indicative Active - 1st Person Singular

- Mary’s statement is literal: she has “known no man” (cf. [Matthew 1:18](#)).
- The virgin birth fulfills ([Isaiah 7:14](#)), “Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,” anchoring Jesus’ identity as Immanuel.
- Joseph’s later confirmation— “he had no union with her until she gave birth to a Son” ([Matthew 1:25](#)).
- By calling attention to her virginity, Mary underscores God’s initiative: salvation is wrought by divine intervention, not human effort ([John 1:13](#)).
- This miracle safeguards the sinless nature of Christ, aligning with [2 Corinthians 5:21](#), “God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us.”