

Thinking Deeply

The Virgin Birth

INTRO: *Next to His crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus' virgin birth receives the greatest amount of scholarly attention. It is the most debated and controversial issue next to the resurrection. Exactly how important is the virgin birth? Is its belief necessary for salvation?*

I. The Bible teaches that Jesus was _____ - _____.
There are only two references in the New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-33.

II. Some refuse to believe in Jesus' _____ birth.
These objections are 1) Its conspicuous absence in the New Testament, specifically the other Gospels and the Book of Acts, 2) Its preclusion to Jesus' full humanity, 3) Its parallels in other religions, and 4) Its irrationality (it's just too amazing to believe).

III. Believe in Jesus' _____ birth. *There are at least three (3) reasons why Believers may confidently maintain belief in Jesus' virgin birth. These are in addition to the simple fact that the Bible mentioned it plainly, not once but twice!*

A. _____.

B. _____.

C. _____.