

An Incarnate God

Luke 1:26-38

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14 (NASB)

For the Lord has created a new thing in the earth— A woman will encompass a man." Jeremiah 31:22 (NASB)

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)

I. The Virgin Mother

1. She was a virgin when Jesus was born. vs. 26-27

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2. She married Joseph & had children. vs. 27

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3. She bore a Son by the Holy Spirit vs. 34-35
4. She was submissive to God's Word vs. 38
5. She was a sinner saved by grace vs. 28-30, 37-38

II. Mary's Child

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| 1. His Name Will Be Jesus | vs. 31 |
| 2. He Will Be Great | vs. 32 |
| 3. He Will Be the Son of the Most High | vs. 32 |
| 4. He Will Sit on David's Throne | vs. 32 |
| 5. His Kingdom Will Never End | vs. 33 |

Questions for this week:

I. For Starters:

1. What do you enjoy most about this time of the year and why?
2. Was it ever difficult for you to believe a "virgin" could have a child? Why or why not.

II. Overview of Scripture

1. Read Luke 1:26-38 out loud. What is the tone of this section?
2. If Jesus had a human father instead of a Heavenly Father, what would we have to surmise about Him and also about us? (John 8:41—the Pharisees accusing Jesus)
3. Luke was probably countering slander about Jesus and His mother with this account. One story said that Mary had sexual relations with a Roman soldier and became pregnant. Read 1 Peter 3:18 and share why it is important that Jesus was not born of two earthly parents and that He did not have a sinful nature.
4. What did God promise in Genesis 3:15 and how does the promise match with Luke 1:34-35?
5. What do we learn about Mary's character from her response to the angelic announcement in Luke 1:38?

III. Growing deeper

1. Review Sunday's message with someone.
2. What could have been Joseph's response when he learned of Mary's pregnancy and why? (Duet 22:13-30) What does Joseph's wrestling with his decision show us about his character? (Matthew 1:19)
3. Pray for one another and give thanks that *"...for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich"* (2 Corinthians 8:9b) & (2 Corinthians 5:21) *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*