

Luke 1:26-38 (NLT)

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

- ²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"
- 34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail."

³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Luke 1:52 (NLT)

52 He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.

Imagine the announcement that "The King" will be born--given privately to a teenage girl!

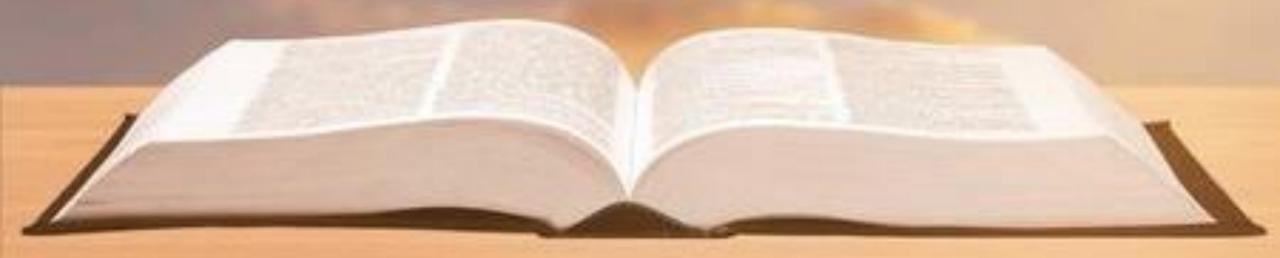


Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)

14 All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Luke 1:34 (NLT)

34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."



1). NONORMAL BIRTH

The Virgin birth is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL! The conception of Jesus was a completely miraculous work of God.

The mystery of the Incarnation includes full humanity being added to Christ Who was and is Fully God.



Through God's power we can:

-- restore the broken

--supply the needy

-- give fellowship to the lonely

-- give Hope to the desperate



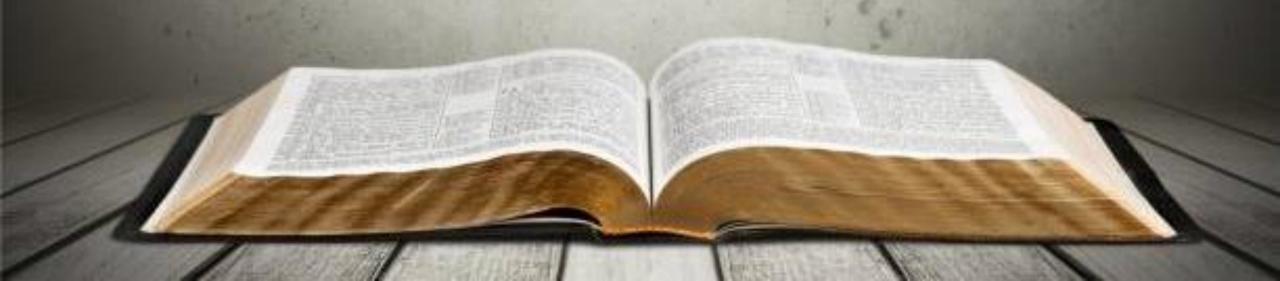
2). NO SEPARATION--EVER!!



Jesus allowed Himself to be separated from the Father SO THAT WE NEVER WOULD BE!

Luke 1:32-33 (NLT)

32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"



Gabriel calls Jesus the 'Most High,' claiming equality with the Father.

3). NO END TO HIS KINGDOM!

His Kingdom will have no limits and His reign will never end.



37 For the word of God will never fail."



Genesis 18:14 (NLT)

14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."