

The Birth of "IMMANUEL"

Mt 1:23 "The VIRGIN shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name IMMANUEL"

Historical facts

Mt 1:18-25; Lk 1:26-35; 2:6-14

Human traditions

Christmas religious observances

- date - Dec 25
- three wise men ... 3 kings ... manger
- customs - many from paganism

“*VIRGIN*” birth

Mt 1:18 “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been BETROTHED to Joseph, BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER she was FOUND TO BE WITH CHILD by the Holy Spirit.”

Mt 1:20 “the Child who has been conceived in her is OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

Mt 1:25 “KEPT HER A VIRGIN until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus”

“*VIRGIN*” birth

Lk 1:34 “Mary said to the angel, ‘HOW can this be, since I AM A VIRGIN?” (26 “the angel Gabriel was sent from God”)

Lk 1:35 “The angel answered and said to her, “THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU, and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God ”

Lk 3:23 “When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, AS WAS SUPPOSED, the son of Joseph”

"VIRGIN" birth

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Jn 3:16 "God so loved the world, that He gave **HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON**"

"IMMANUEL"!

VIRGIN Birth — *IMMANUEL*

Historical records — renounce it? ... *WHY??*

- NOT because can be proven a forgery
- NOT because can be proven the witnesses incredible (crazy, liars, imaginary)
- NOT because copies unreliable

Because it's IMPOSSIBLE? ...

Mary had the same question! Lk 1:34

VIRGIN Birth

Possible?

Gen 1:1 “In the beg. God created the heavens & the earth”

Gn 1:2 “God said, “Let there be light”; & there was light ”

Gn 1:6ff “God said, “Let there be ... and it was so ”

Gn 2:7 “the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

YES!

Gn 2:22 “The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man ”

Jesus' Claims

“I have come down from heaven”!

Jn 6:38,41-42; 8:23-25,42,56-59; 13:3; 16:28

“IMMANUEL”!

Mt 1:23

“IMMANUEL”!

... like **Dt 31:3...8?** NO

“Incarnation”

> “in” + “flesh”

Jn 1:1-3,14; 5:18...23; 8:23-24...58; 20:28-31

Beware of neglect!

**Heb 1:2...2:1-3;
10:29-30**

*Priorities...? Devotion...? — Daily decisions ... Mutual
Encouragement ... Prayer ... Bible study ... Assembling ...*

Lk 2:14

PEACE—GOD & MAN

NOT btwn men
Mt 10:34; 5:11-12

Mt 1:21; Col 1:20

Born to DIE for YOU!

When this “peace” *attained?* Rom 6:3-4

How this “peace” *maintained?* Col 1:22-23; 3:1ff

“Glory to God in the Highest!”