

WAS JESUS CONCEIVED BY A VIRGIN?  
(Matthew 1:25; Luke 1:26-27, 34)

I. The Historical \_\_\_\_\_

A. Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:27-37

B. *The Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephesians*, chapter 18, early 2<sup>nd</sup> century

II. The Factual \_\_\_\_\_

A. Bible teaches the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (John 1:1-2; 8:58; Phil. 2:5-11)

1. Jesus was fully \_\_\_\_\_ of His pre-existence (John 8:56-58; 16:28; 17:5)

2. Jesus was the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things (John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:15-16)

3. At times in the OT He \_\_\_\_\_ to men (John 1:18)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ testified of His pre-existence (John 1:15, 30)

B. Bible prophecy \_\_\_\_\_ the coming of the pre-existent Jesus

1. His incarnation was \_\_\_\_\_ before creation (1 Pet. 1:20)

2. His coming was \_\_\_\_\_ at the Fall (Gen. 3:15)

3. Isaiah foretold the \_\_\_\_\_ conception of \_\_\_\_\_ incarnate (Isa. 7:14)

C. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ nature demands it, because He must be \_\_\_\_\_

D. His claim to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ required it

III. The Typical \_\_\_\_\_

A. “It is biologically \_\_\_\_\_”

1. Mary was perplexed, because she \_\_\_\_\_ she was a virgin (Lk 1:34)
2. Joseph was distraught, because he \_\_\_\_\_ he was not the father  
(Matt. 1:19-20)
3. Both \_\_\_\_\_, because they knew \_\_\_\_\_ is  
impossible with \_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 1:37)

B. "The story is based on ancient \_\_\_\_\_"

1. There is \_\_\_\_\_ hero of ancient mythology said to have been  
\_\_\_\_\_ born
2. No Jew would \_\_\_\_\_ construct such a story from \_\_\_\_\_

C. "The virgin conception is mentioned only by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_"

1. Does not mean that Mark and John did not believe Jesus had been  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The two accounts were \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Gal. 4:4)

D. "There are \_\_\_\_\_ in the birth narratives"

1. Matthew reports on \_\_\_\_\_ perspective and Luke on \_\_\_\_\_
2. Matthew provides \_\_\_\_\_ genealogy and Luke \_\_\_\_\_

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ Denial (1 John 4:1-3)

A. Demons could not help but acknowledge that Jesus was "the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ " (Matt. 8:29)

B. Demons \_\_\_\_\_ that He is truly a \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Heb. 2:14-18)

1. Rejecting the virgin conception also rejects Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_
2. The virgin conception was the \_\_\_\_\_ means through which the  
\_\_\_\_\_ could be made \_\_\_\_\_