

A virgin birth?

Did you know that in the Bible record there is a doubt about Mary's virgin birth?

But see who was doing the doubting – it was the virgin herself.

She said to the angel who visited her, “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” Luke 1.34. Her doubt involved the “how”. How could it happen?

And see, too, it was Mary herself who revealed the angel's explanation –

“The angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that holy one who is to be born will be called the Son of God.'” Luke 1.35.

If Jesus had been conceived by man, then he is nothing more than a man. But he was born of God through Mary. Therefore he is the Son of God.

First, Mary may not have fully understood. But she readily submitted to God's will. Luke 1.38.

Second, Luke's Gospel doesn't explain the virgin birth. He simply records it.

Third, convinced of its truth, Luke details the most beautiful and most detailed account of the virgin birth of Jesus.

What he wrote may well be called Jesus' *birth certificate*!

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“Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh.” 1 Timothy 3.16.

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