

The Incarnation

- **The great mystery of our faith...**
I Tim 3:16
- **Born of a woman...**
Gal 4:4



The Bible and the Virgin Birth

Jesus: born of a woman but not a man

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- Matt 1:16 Joseph's genealogy
 - Joseph did not 'father' Jesus
- Matt 1:18-25 Announcement to Mary
 - Vs. 18 pregnant before they came together
 - Vs. 19 grounds for divorce (adultery)
 - Vs. 20 so unlikely angel had to explain it!
 - Vs. 22 fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 (virgin)
 - Vs. 25 no sexual relations until later

See Luke 3:23
- Luke 1:27,31 Explicit statements



The Virgin of the Virgin Birth

Mary: ordinary woman, extraordinary events

- Mary the mother of Jesus
 - not... Mary Magdalene
 - not... Mary of Bethany
 - not... Mary, wife of Clopas
 - not... Mary, mother of John Mark

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See Luke 1:25-56

– didn't get what she deserved (v28,30)

- “favor” = grace i.e. unmerited favor
see Eph 2:8,9
- No special meritorious qualities – she did not merit the favor she received
- Not a source of grace, but a recipient of grace
- An example of all true believers!

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- didn't get what she deserved (vs. 28,30)
- humbly did as she was told ... and marveled at God's mysterious ways (1:38; 2:19)
- exalted God, not herself (vs. 46ff.)

A pattern for us!

*In the fullness of time, God sent
His son, born of a woman...*

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