

WORD

³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. . . ." ³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" . . . ³⁷"For nothing is impossible with God." LUKE 1:30-32,34,37

WHAT

The unfolding of the Christmas story has been exactly as Scriptures tell it but it was not what people expected. Even today, some would alter the Christmas story because it could not be explained by natural laws. However, it is crucial for us to understand that the virgin birth, as it has been foretold from the very beginning at Eden ("seed of the woman") and the prophets, is more than just a historic event—it is a miracle! Here are important points to consider.

1 The virgin birth is a fulfillment of a prophecy.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ISAIAH 7:14

What were the chances that this prophecy could have been fulfilled? One calculation said that there was a one in a trillion chance—another way of saying that it is impossible! But since it was God who foretold this and made the promise, it was fulfilled according to His will. Titus 1:1-3 assures us that God is faithful to His promises. Why can we trust God's Word?

2 Jesus is fully human and fully divine.

³¹"You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David . . ." LUKE 1:31,32

When Jesus came into the earth, He had the same needs, cravings, and emotions as ours because He was fully human! However, He remained to be 100% God at the same time. With this unique nature, He could fully represent mankind before God because He went through all our hardships and challenges and yet He remained sinless (Hebrews 4:15). How does this truth change the way we see and approach Jesus?

3 Nothing is impossible with God.

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The Christmas story is filled with many miraculous events: fulfillment of prophecies, virgin conception, barrenness to fertility, and God becoming man but as the angel declared, "nothing is impossible with God." In the bigger story, it meant that He would spare no expense to save us—the greatest love story ever told! What impossible thing did Jesus make possible (Hebrews 9:26-28)?
