

20 December

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Seeing Jesus born of a virgin

 Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member the virgin birth of Jesus Christ?
2. What does Genesis 3:15; tell us about Jesus' virgin birth? (**That a woman will give birth to a male son who will crush satan's head.**)
3. What does Genesis 3:15, tell us about Jesus' earthly father? (**Nothing, Genesis doesn't mention anything about Jesus' the father.**)
4. What is the sign that Isaiah 7:14 prophesied? (**The virgin will be child and will give birth to a son, and call him Immanuel.**)

 Let's go deeper

5. What are the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6? (**Wonderful Counsellor; Mighty God; Everlasting Father; Prince of peace.**)
6. According to Luke 1:35; how did the virgin Mary conceive? (**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.**)
7. How do we know that Mary worshipped Jesus? (**Acts 1:14; Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers devoted themselves to prayer.**)
8. How do we know that Mary didn't remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus? (**She gave birth to James and Jude, who each wrote their own N.T. book.**)

 Let's apply this

9. Mary's example of faith:

She's a teenage girl preparing her wedding and says, "Lord, I'm your servant. Whatever you want, I trust you." She sings a song of worship and praise, she entrusts herself, her future and her child to God. Mary is a great example of faith. She trusted God, when it was a very difficult circumstance to do so.

- **What is God asking you to trust Him for?**
- **Will respond in faith, song and entrust yourself to God?**

Like Mary, God wants to use us to be examples of faith in a Great God.

SUMMARY:

- **Was Jesus' mom really a virgin?**

What does Genesis prophesy about the virgin birth of Jesus?

Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.
Galatians 4:4 - But when the time had fully come God sent his Son born of a woman

What does Isaiah prophesy about the virgin birth of Jesus?

Isaiah 7:14 - Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin [almah] will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.
Genesis 24:16 - The girl [Rebekah] was very beautiful, a virgin [betulah]; no man had ever lain with her. **And verse 43** - Rebekah was a "maiden" [almah].

Isaiah 9:6 - 7 - For to us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

What does Matthew say about Jesus' birth?

Matthew 1:18 - 24 - Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us) [Isa. 7:14]... Joseph...did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

What does Luke say about Jesus' birth?

Luke 1:26-38 - The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled...the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God...you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I