

QUESTIONING CHRISTMAS: DOES THE VIRGIN BIRTH MATTER?

LUKE 1:26-38 (ESV)

Question 1: What does Luke actually say about the virgin birth?

Answers:

- Gabriel foretold that the Holy Spirit would _____ Mary to perform a _____ in her womb.
- As God formed Eve from Adam's rib, the Holy Spirit formed a _____ human being in Mary's womb from her _____ alone.

Question 2: Is this claim plausible?

Gabriel's response:

1. A _____: Mary's elderly, childless relative, Elizabeth, was already _____.
2. A _____: "Nothing will be _____ with God."

Answers to the plausibility question:

1. The biblical God made everything from _____.
2. If He can do that, the virgin birth is fully _____.

Thoughts for further consideration:

1. Those who deny the biblical Creator still end up _____ in _____—just different ones.
2. If you are not convinced of the biblical Creator, identify the miracles your worldview _____ and ask which is _____ plausible.

Question 3: Does the virgin birth matter?

Answer:

Because Jesus was born of a virgin, He was uniquely able to do what no _____-born _____ could do.

Explanation:

1. In this context, “holy” and “Son of God” describe Jesus’ _____, rather than His _____.
 - a. This “holy” child was _____ by God for a special task or service.
 - b. “Son of God” points to Jesus’ role in solving _____ problem (Luke 1:35; 3:38) as the Messianic descendant of _____ (Luke 1:31-33; 4:41).
 - Adam sinned, bringing death, brokenness, and decay to the world. Every natural-born descendant of Adam has only _____ to that problem.
 - But Jesus, “born of woman,” came to save the world from Adam’s _____ (Genesis 3:15).
 - God had promised that one of David’s _____ would eventually bring peace and wholeness to the world. But his natural-born heirs consistently _____ to do so.
 - The promised Son of David would establish a _____ _____ able to live with God forever (2 Samuel 7:12-16).
2. The virgin birth uniquely positioned Mary’s _____ to _____ God’s promises to Adam and David.