

Why did Jesus' mom need to be a virgin?

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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

Part 1: What scripture does teach about the virgin birth of Jesus

Genesis 3:15

Galatians 4:4

ISAIAH 7:14

Entire context – Isaiah 7:10-14

Isaiah 9:6-7

Hebrew words: almah – young woman (not virgin)

Betulah – virgin

Rebekah – Genesis 24:16; 24:43

Part 2: What Scripture does not teach about the virgin birth of Jesus

- 1) Scripture does not teach that Mary did not have a normal delivery
 - a. Micah 5:2-3
- 2) Scripture does not teach that Jesus' virgin birth was a myth taken from other religions
 - a. Myths came after the prophesy of Isaiah 7:14
 - b. Gods having sex with women and could not negate her virginity because having sex with a god somehow does not count as sex
 - c. Involves fictional characters, not actual human beings
- 3) Scripture does not teach that Jesus' virgin birth was needed to keep Him from having a sin nature and therefore sinless
 - a. His parents sinned
 - i. Mary needed a savior – Luke 1:46-47
- 4) Scripture does not teach that Mary remained a virgin for the rest of her life
 - a. Semper virgo
 - b. Matthew 1:25
 - c. Luke 2:7
 - d. 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
- 5) Scripture does not teach that Jesus' virgin birth is unimportant
 - a. She's either telling the truth or this whole thing is a dirty hoax
 - i. Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3, John 8:41 – all accusations of Mary