

# The Virgin Birth

Reference in this leaflet is from the Bible:

1. Luke chapter 1 verse 31
2. Isaiah chapter 7 verse 14
- 3.1 John chapter 4 verse 14
4. Romans chapter 10 verse 9

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*"Your pregnancy test is positive."*



Maybe, in the ears of a young girl suddenly faced with the consequences of a casual sexual relationship, these words would have a very ominous ring.

How do you think young Mary would have felt when she was told that she would become pregnant - never having had a sexual relationship?! And this news was announced to her by an angel sent from God - not from a clinician:

*"You shall be with child and give birth to a son, and you shall give him the name Jesus."*<sup>1</sup>

This is the miracle of the virgin birth. It was written about by the prophet Isaiah many years before it happened:

*"The virgin shall be with child and will give birth to a son."*<sup>2</sup>

We celebrate this miracle annually - along with many people throughout the world - by Bible readings, Christmas carols and the exchange of cards and presents.

It is important that the birth of baby Jesus is celebrated, however there tends to be a lack of thought given as to *why* he was born.

You see, in the same book (the Bible) that records his birth, we also read:

*"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."*<sup>3</sup>

... because the *purpose* of Jesus' *birth* was that through His *death*, all men, women, boys and girls might have the opportunity to be saved from the consequences of their sin.

But this involved Him dying on a Roman cross on behalf of everyone - from the youngest to the oldest, in every part of the world, in every generation.

The decision to accept or reject this free offer of salvation is a very personal matter for each individual - so you have to decide for yourself. No one else can decide for you, so ...

What will your decision be this Christmas?

*"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*<sup>4</sup>