**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Jesus did not have His start in Bethlehem.
   2. The world mocks the idea of the virgin birth.
   3. The devil hates the idea of the virgin birth.
   4. There are those who claim to be Christians who doubt the validity of the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.
      1. Others believe it is only incidental.
   5. According to Scripture, there is no hope of salvation apart from the virgin birth of Christ.
   6. Without the virgin birth, the whole foundation of Christianity would be destroyed.
      1. The virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is not incidental but fundamental.
   7. Today’s message will focus on three thoughts regarding the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus.
2. THE SACRED MYSTERY OF HIS BIRTH (Luke 1:31-38)
   1. An angel announced to Mary that she would be with child.
      1. Mary was a virgin who was engaged to marry Joseph.
         1. Mary and Joseph had not yet come together in the act of marriage.
   2. Luke 1:34
      1. The words “know not” literally mean that she had not had relations with a man.
   3. Luke 1:35-38
   4. The virgin birth does not depend upon our understanding for its validation.
      1. There are many things we do not understand that we experience.
   5. The virgin birth is not a biological impossibility because all things are possible with God.
      1. Luke 1:37
      2. God is not bound by the very laws that He Himself created in the universe that He also made.
         1. God is the master and Lord of the universe.
   6. It is not difficult to believe in the virgin birth because of creation.
      1. If you believe in creation, then you should have no difficulty believing in the virgin birth.
      2. Genesis 1:1
         1. God made the first man without a father or a mother.
            1. God made Adam out of clay that He formed out of nothing.
      3. Creation and the virgin birth may be mysteries to us, but they are not mysteries to God.
   7. 1 Timothy 3:16
      1. Through all eternity, no angel had ever seen God because God is invisible.
      2. The first time an angel or anyone ever saw God was when the Word became flesh.
         1. John 1:14
   8. It should not concern us if we cannot explain the virgin birth; neither can we explain God.
      1. We join Mary in asking, “How can this be?”
      2. We also join the angel when we say, “With God, all things are possible.”
   9. If we have difficulty believing the virgin birth, then our real difficulty is that our God is too small.
3. THE SAVING MINISTRY OF HIS BIRTH (Luke 2:8-14)
   1. God being made flesh is called the incarnation.
   2. The incarnation and the virgin birth were necessary for our salvation.
      1. God gave Adam and Eve dominion in the Garden of Eden.
         1. They sinned and lost that dominion.
         2. They turned that dominion over to Satan; and rather than being servants of God, they became slaves of Satan.
      2. The entire human race became infected with sin.
      3. Our dominion was lost by a man; the only way it can be returned to us is by another man, and that man is the Lord Jesus.
         1. 1 Corinthians 15:22
   3. Jesus Christ, the last Adam, was born of a virgin to undo what the first Adam did.
      1. Apart from the virgin birth, there is no hope of salvation.
      2. Sin must be paid for; it must be atoned.
         1. Romans 6:23
         2. Ezekiel 18:20
      3. Sin must be atoned for by shed blood.
         1. God, in Spirit, has no blood.
            1. John 4:24
         2. Not just any man could atone for our sins.
            1. He must be a perfect man.
            2. He must be sinless.
            3. He must be innocent.
         3. No son or daughter of Adam could qualify.
            1. Romans 5:12
            2. We are all sinners by birth, by choice, by practice and by nature.

Romans 3:23

* + 1. Had Jesus Christ been born as we are born, He would have been a son of Adam.
       1. Had He been a son of Adam, He would have been a sinner.
       2. Had He been a sinner, He could not have been innocent.
       3. Had He not been innocent, He could not have been anyone’s substitute.
  1. John 3:16
     1. God wants us saved.
     2. God’s answer is a sinless, perfect man: the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ.
        1. The Lord Jesus is both truly human and fully sinless.
           1. He is human so that He might undo what the first Adam did by the shedding of blood.
           2. His blood is sinless blood.

Mary’s blood was not in Him.

A little baby in the mother’s womb may have one blood type while the mother has another blood type.

The bloodline is determined by the father.

It was the blood of God that flowed through Jesus’ veins.

Acts 20:28

* + 1. Jesus came as He did (born of a virgin) to be what He was (sinless) to do what He did (die a substitutionary death) to atone for our sin.
       1. He did what He did that we might be born again and go to Heaven.
          1. No sinless sacrifice, no atonement.
          2. No atonement, no new birth.
          3. No new birth, no hope of Heaven.

He was born of a virgin that we might be born again.

He came to Earth that we might go to Heaven.

He became the Son of Man that we might become sons and daughters of God.

* 1. Mendel’s Law of Genetics states that every individual is the sum total of the genetic characteristics, recessive or dominant, of his or her two parents.
     1. All that is in your father and mother is in you.
        1. Jesus’ Father is truly God.
        2. Jesus’ mother is truly human.
        3. Jesus is God in human flesh.
           1. He is not half-God and half-man.
           2. He is not all God and no man.
           3. He is not all man and no God.
           4. He is the only begotten Son of God and the only one qualified to die upon the cross for our salvation.
  2. The virgin birth of Jesus is good news to all people.
     1. Luke 2:10
     2. We all need Jesus.

1. THE SOVEREIGN MAJESTY OF HIS BIRTH (Luke 1:30-33)
   1. The Old Testament name for Jesus is Joshua, which means “Jehovah Saves.”
   2. As the Son of God, Jesus Christ shares the nature of God the Father.
   3. Hebrews 1:8
   4. The Lord Jesus is the earthly child of a heavenly Father and the heavenly child of an earthly mother.
   5. John 1:1-3
      1. Jesus did not begin with Mary in Bethlehem.
         1. He is as ageless as His Father and older than His mother.
      2. The Lord Jesus has come to rule and to reign and is coming back again.
         1. Isaiah 9:6
         2. There can be no real peace without the Prince of Peace.
         3. The answer to this world’s problems is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. CONCLUSION
   1. The hope of the individual, the hope of the church, the hope of the family, the hope of the nation and the hope of the world is Jesus Christ.
   2. The Lord Jesus Christ has come as our Savior and protector.
   3. We should be so excited about the Lord Jesus that we want to tell others about Him.
   4. The whole purpose of the virgin birth is wrapped up in His substitutionary death.
      1. Isaiah 53:6
   5. Each of us is a sinner.
      1. Romans 6:23
      2. God will not overlook our sin.
         1. We are destined and doomed to an eternity without Christ if something is not done about our sins.
   6. Isaiah 53:6
      1. Our sins are laid upon the Lord Jesus.
      2. Jesus Christ, the sinless one, carried those sins to the cross.
      3. Jesus died in agony and blood upon that cross to pay our sin debt.
   7. Because our sin is on Jesus, His righteousness is on us.
   8. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   9. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16