

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Jesus did not have His start in Bethlehem.
- b) The world mocks the idea of the virgin birth.
- c) The devil hates the idea of the virgin birth.
- d) There are those who claim to be Christians who doubt the validity of the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - i) Others believe it is only incidental.
- e) According to Scripture, there is no hope of salvation apart from the virgin birth of Christ.
- f) Without the virgin birth, the whole foundation of Christianity would be destroyed.
 - i) The virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is not incidental but fundamental.
- g) 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)

- a) An angel announced to Mary that she would be with child.
 - i) Mary was a virgin who was engaged to marry Joseph.
 - (1) Mary and Joseph had not yet come together in the act of marriage.
- b) Luke 1:34
 - i) The words "know not" literally mean that she had not had relations with a man.
- c) Luke 1:35-38
- d) The virgin birth does not depend upon our understanding for its validation.
 - i) There are many things we do not understand that we experience.
- e) The virgin birth is not a biological impossibility because all things are possible with God.
 - i) Luke 1:37
 - ii) 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.
- f) It is not difficult to believe in the virgin birth because of creation.
 - i) If you believe in creation, then you should have no difficulty believing in the virgin birth.
 - ii) Genesis 1:1
 - (1) God made the first man without a father or a mother.
 - (a) God made Adam out of clay that He formed out of nothing.
 - iii) Creation and the virgin birth may be mysteries to us, but they are not mysteries to God.
- g) 1 Timothy 3:16
 - i) Through all eternity, no angel had ever seen God because God is invisible.
 - ii) The first time an angel or anyone ever saw God was when the Word became flesh.

- (1) John 1:14
 - h) It should not concern us if we cannot explain the virgin birth; neither can we explain God.
 - i) We join Mary in asking, "How can this be?"
 - ii) We also join the angel when we say, "With God, all things are possible."
 - i) 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)
- a) God being made flesh is called the incarnation.
 - b) The incarnation and the virgin birth were necessary for our salvation.
 - i) 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.
 - ii) The entire human race became infected with sin.
 - iii) 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
 - c) Jesus Christ, the last Adam, was born of a virgin to undo what the first Adam did.
 - i) Apart from the virgin birth, there is no hope of salvation.
 - ii) Sin must be paid for; it must be atoned.
 - (1) Romans 6:23
 - (2) Ezekiel 18:20
 - iii) Sin must be atoned for by shed blood.
 - (1) God, in Spirit, has no blood.
 - (a) John 4:24
 - (2) Not just any man could atone for our sins.
 - (a) He must be a perfect man.
 - (b) He must be sinless.
 - (c) He must be innocent.
 - (3) No son or daughter of Adam could qualify.
 - (a) Romans 5:12
 - (b) We are all sinners by birth, by choice, by practice and by nature.
 - (i) Romans 3:23
 - iv) 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.
 - d) John 3:16
 - i) God wants us saved.

- ii) 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.
 - (a) He is human so that He might undo what the first Adam did by the shedding of blood.
 - (b) His blood is sinless blood.
 - (i) Mary's blood was not in Him.
 - 1. A little baby in the mother's womb may have one blood type while the mother has another blood type.
 - 2. The bloodline is determined by the father.
 - (ii) It was the blood of God that flowed through Jesus' veins.
 - (iii) Acts 20:28
 - iii) 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.
 - (a) No sinless sacrifice, no atonement.
 - (b) No atonement, no new birth.
 - (c) No new birth, no hope of Heaven.
 - (i) He was born of a virgin that we might be born again.
 - (ii) He came to Earth that we might go to Heaven.
 - (iii) He became the Son of Man that we might become sons and daughters of God.
 - e) 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.
 - i) 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.
 - (a) He is not half-God and half-man.
 - (b) He is not all God and no man.
 - (c) He is not all man and no God.
 - (d) He is the only begotten Son of God and the only one qualified to die upon the cross for our salvation.
 - f) The virgin birth of Jesus is good news to all people.
 - i) Luke 2:10
 - ii) We all need Jesus.
- 4) THE SOVEREIGN MAJESTY OF HIS BIRTH (Luke 1:30-33)
- a) The Old Testament name for Jesus is Joshua, which means "Jehovah Saves."
 - b) As the Son of God, Jesus Christ shares the nature of God the Father.
 - c) Hebrews 1:8
 - d) The Lord Jesus is the earthly child of a heavenly Father and the heavenly child of an earthly mother.
 - e) John 1:1-3

- i) Jesus did not begin with Mary in Bethlehem.
 - (1) He is as ageless as His Father and older than His mother.
- ii) 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.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) 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.
- b) The Lord Jesus Christ has come as our Savior and protector.
- c) We should be so excited about the Lord Jesus that we want to tell others about Him.
- d) The whole purpose of the virgin birth is wrapped up in His substitutionary death.
 - i) Isaiah 53:6
- e) Each of us is a sinner.
 - i) Romans 6:23
 - ii) 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.
- f) Isaiah 53:6
 - i) Our sins are laid upon the Lord Jesus.
 - ii) Jesus Christ, the sinless one, carried those sins to the cross.
 - iii) Jesus died in agony and blood upon that cross to pay our sin debt.
- g) Because our sin is on Jesus, His righteousness is on us.
- h) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- i) 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.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16