



# MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD

Mary in Luke chapter 1

# Why Must There Be a Virgin Birth?

- Why must God become a **human baby** through Mary? Why is there Christmas to begin with?
- God has **appeared** as a man in the Old Testament over and over again already... (e.g. to Abraham, Hagar, Jacob, Joshua...)
- God wants to have **fellowship** with us, and to be with us **physically**, therefore He appeared as a human on those occasions...but why must Jesus also be born of a woman to have an actual human nature?

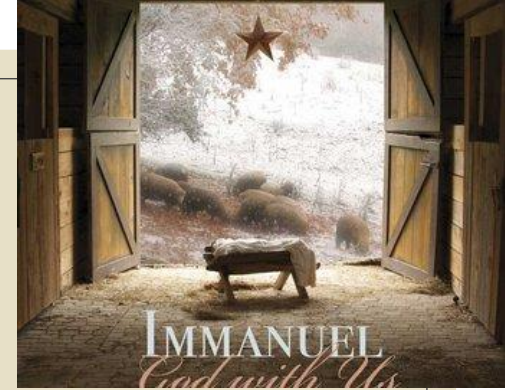
# Prophecies Concerning Virgin Birth

- Isaiah 7:14— “shall call His name **Immanuel**”
- Isaiah 9:6-7 “to us a **child** is born, to us a **son** is given...”
- Micah 5:2 “is from of **old**, from **ancient day**” (lit. *day eternity*)
- Luke 1:30-35
  - His name is **Jesus**, Son of the Most High
  - Everlasting kingdom on **David’s throne**
  - The power of the Holy Spirit **overshadowed** Mary
  - It was going to be a “**holy thing**”

# NT Teachings on Jesus' Birth



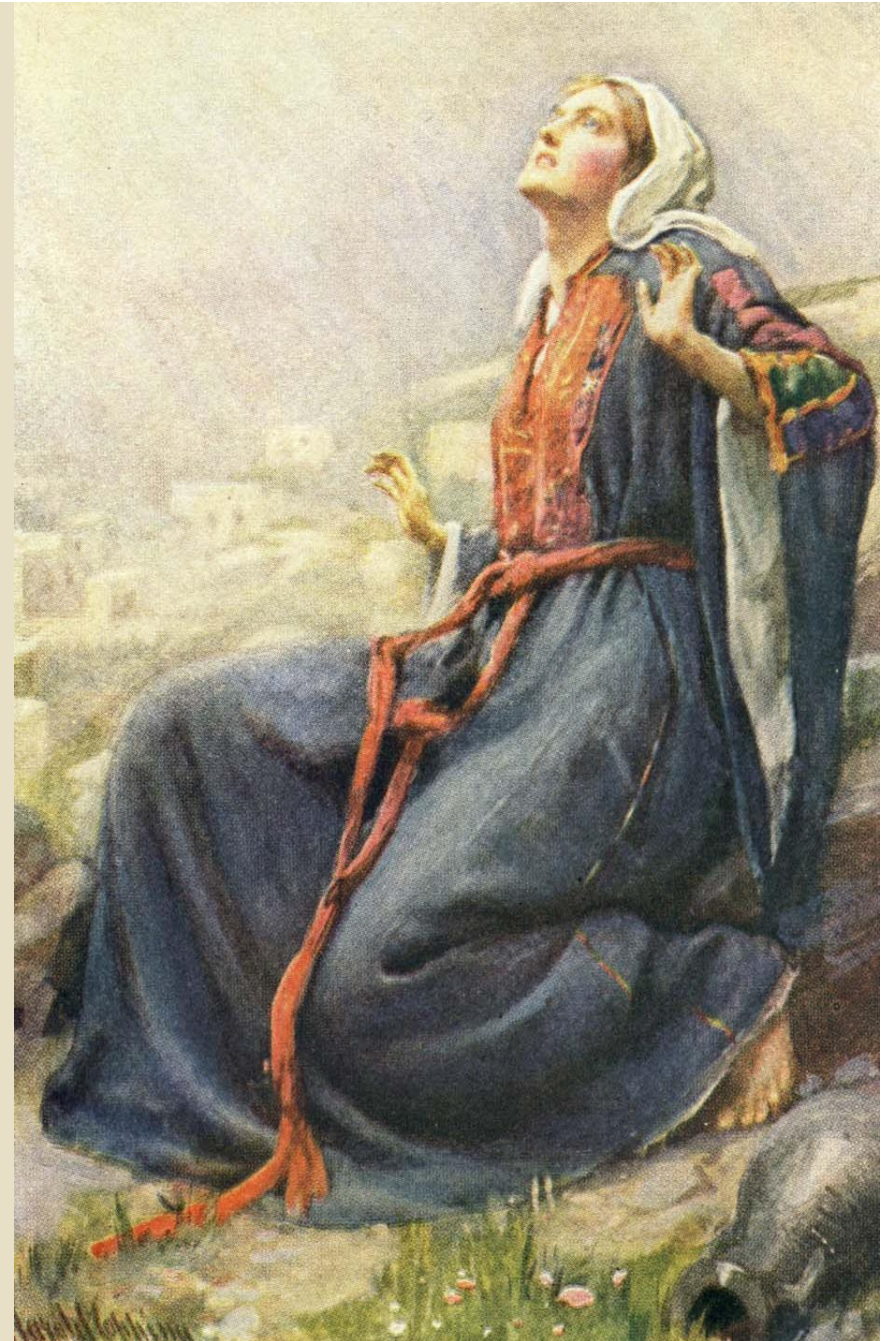
- John 1:1-2, 14—the **Word** is both God and man
- Phil. 2:6-11—He took on the **form** of a man, though being God
- Col. 1:13-17—both **redemption** (man) and **forgiveness** (God)
- Rom. 1:3-4—descended from David's throne, yet as the LORD
- 1 Tim. 3:16—**God** was manifest in the flesh
- Heb. 2:14—took on flesh and blood to destroy **death**



# This Is Indeed a Miracle

- God can do **anything** (Luke 1:37; Gen. 18:14); virgin birth is not **HARD** for God. (although impossible physically) The difficult part is not at the physical level...
- (Phil. 2:6-8) This is a permanent state of **humility** and **limitations**...He wants to be like us for all time.
- He has **emotions** just like us (Matt. 26:38; John 11:35) and **suffered physically** just like us, not things the creator of the universe needs to be subjected to—but for our sake He did that.

- It is extremely unlikely that Mary and Joseph **lied** about Jesus' birth, (angels and shepherds and everything) and to predict a child that would actually become a **prophet** later...unlikely.
- The only **logical** explanation (aside from the miracle) is that it had actually happened and Mary believed God's word.
- And she knows she needs a **saviour** (v.47) and **rejoiced** in the coming saviour.
- This **joy** carried her through all the ridicules & misunderstandings.



# Conclusion

- It was **prophesied** long ago that the Messiah is to be both God and man.
- It is **essential** that Jesus is both God and man. He can relate to us as we can relate to him—a relationship.
- Virgin Birth is both **impossible** yet **real**, since it was a **miracle**. No other logical explanations can be found.
- Mary learned to rejoice in the Lord. This gave her that **strength** to face the difficulties in life—Have you learned that?

