

Christ's mother was a virgin, because he was not to be born by ordinary generation, but miraculously; it was necessary that he should be so, that, though he must partake of the nature of man, yet not of the corruption of that nature: but he was born of a virgin espoused, made up to be married, and contracted, to put honour upon the married state, that that might not be brought into contempt (which was an ordinance in innocency) by the Redeemer's being born of a virgin. - Matthew Henry

Key thought: Your response to the angelic explanation must be one of confidence in God's ability to do anything.

The angel's explanation of Christ's birth...

I. WAS A RESPONSE TO A REAL QUESTION – verse 34 “How?”

Mary's question came from...

- A. Consideration of the facts – “I am a virgin”
- B. Contemplation of her fate – “How can this be”

The virgin birth is a miracle of God that brought the eternal Son of God into the world without any taint of sin in His human nature (v. 35; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 4:15). Warren Wiersbe

II. WAS A REVELATION OF A REAL EVENT! – verses 35-37

The angel does not offer a scientific explanation, but rather a statement of description:

- A. “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,”
 - God's presence described, God acts purposefully
- B. “and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;”
 - God's power demonstrated, God acts sovereignly
- C. “and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.”
 - God's prophecy delivered, God acts redemptively
- D. “For nothing will be impossible with God.”
 - God's promise declared, God acts miraculously

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:8-9

III. RESULTED IN A RESPONSE OF REAL FAITH – verse 38

- A. Real faith acknowledges – “Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord;”
- B. Real faith accepts – “may it be done to me”
- C. Real faith acts – “according to your word.”