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INTRODUCTION

God bears witness to His approved ministers in various ways. Some of the signs that were recorded concerning Christ were also recorded concerning a few other messengers of God.

A voice from the cloud witnessed to the ministry of Christ, but that was not as unique as the virgin birth, because we see a similar witness in the ministry of Moses (Numbers 12:5–8; Matthew 17:5). An angel announced the conception of Christ, but we also know that the births of Samson and John the Baptist were announced by angels (Judges 13:2–5; Luke 1:11–15, 26–33). However, Moses, Samson, and John the Baptist had earthly fathers. They were all descendants of Adam's fallen race.

The virgin birth is therefore a unique sign from the Lord conferred on Christ and Him alone. No other living soul had ever, or will ever, be conceived by a virgin.

Bible Text: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–25; Romans 1:4; I Corinthians 13:3–4

PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S BIRTH, CRUCIFIXION, AND RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb of God, hanged on the cross of Calvary until His life expired. His death became a reference point for events, time, and date—past, present, and future.

Broadly stated, there are seven things Christ purchased for us through His death at the cross:

- 1. Forgiveness and full salvation Luke 23:33–34
- 2. Sanctification and Holiness Hebrews 13:12–13; 12:14
- 3. A home in heaven Luke 23:43; John 14:1–3
- 4. Healing of all sicknesses and diseases for all Isaiah 53:5
- 5. Deliverance from and defeat of principalities and powers Colossians 2:14–15
- 6. Cancellation of every curse Galatians 3:13

7. Full and perfect redemption – Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14

CONCLUSION

Jesus is incomparably greater than any other prophet either before or after Him. Why?

Because He (Jesus) was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

If teaching was the only thing that made Jesus the Son of God, He would not be different. Founders of other religions also taught good human principles. If an ascetic life, miracles, wonders, and signs were the only things that made Thomas call Jesus "My Lord and My God," founders of other religions would also qualify to be called "god," because they too lived ascetic lives and performed signs and wonders.

But it was the Resurrection that made all the difference.

Because of the resurrection, Jesus has been declared to be not only the Son of God but also the Saviour and Judge of the whole world—of the living and the dead, the Jews and the Gentiles, the Barbarians and the Greeks, the Hindus and the traditional worshippers.

Whoever therefore shall call upon Him today shall be saved.

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