

Luke 1:35; Lord's Day 14
FAITH IN JESUS' INCARNATION

- I. The event.
 - A. The Mediator must be like to His brethren in all things (Lord's Days 5 & 6), i.e., very man as well as very God.
 - 1. In the incarnation: the second Person of the Trinity (always divine) took upon Himself our human nature (Rom. 9:5; I Jn 4:2).
 - 2. He is God and man in one Person.
 - 3. His conception and birth was a willing deed on His part (Phil. 2:7).
 - B. The incarnation requires the virgin birth.
 - 1. Only the Holy Spirit could form the Holy Thing which was to be born of Mary (Luke 1:35).
 - 2. Scripture is clear that the Spirit, not Joseph, was the Conceiver (Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18).
 - C. This truth has been repeatedly denied.
- II. Three benefits of Jesus' holy conception and virgin birth.
 - A. First, the result of the incarnation via the virgin is that Jesus has a perfect human nature (without original sin).
 - B. Second, Jesus took away our sin at its very root.
 - 1. We are sinful at our very beginning (conception, Ps. 51:5).
 - 2. The Savior, to root out our sin, goes to the very beginning to correct our conception and birth.
 - C. Third, He is justly able to be identified with us.
- III. The great comfort.
 - A. Now Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses (Hebrew 4:15).
 - B. More, He is thus able to be our Mediator.
 - 1. His real humanity enabled Him to take on Himself all our sinfulness and sin.
 - 2. His deity assures me that His birth and death are of infinite value.
 - C. And He is able, as the Son of Man, to be a fitting Judge (John 5:22,27).
 - 1. It is not a stranger who passes unknown judgment, but one Who knows all human relationships.
 - 2. How much more severe is His judgment which condemns, especially those who condemned Him.