

Luke 1; Lord's Day 14
JESUS' HOLY CONCEPTION AND VIRGIN BIRTH

- I. The facts.
 - A. Scripture clearly teaches the incarnation, so our Savior is both divine and human, very God and very man.
 - 1. Gabriel explains enough for faith to believe, leaving our curiosity unsatisfied (1:35).
 - 2. Also, the Spirit inspired Matthew (1:23) to interpret Isaiah 7 with the distinct word: "virgin."
 - B. In the incarnation: the second Person of the Trinity brought about His conception and birth as a willing deed (Phil. 2:7).
 - 1. He took upon Himself our human nature (Rom. 9:5; I John 4:2).
 - 2. Through the door of the incarnation Jesus entered a life of continual suffering; as a conscious act of His love.
- II. The benefits of Jesus' holy conception and virgin birth.
 - A. First, He is identified with us.
 - B. Second, Jesus has a perfect human nature, without original sin, because He was incarnated via a virgin.
 - C. Third, Jesus took away our sin at its very root.
 - D. His real humanity enabled Him to take on Himself all our sinfulness and sin.
- III. The great comfort.
 - A. The gospel is one of condescension and grace.
 - B. Also Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses (Hebrew 4:15).
 - C. The key to understanding the incarnation is: "With God nothing shall be impossible" (1:37; Jer. 32:27).
 - D. And we learn that nothing is too hard for the Lord.