

The incarnation and its significance for us

1. It is the first great step in God's plan for our salvation in Christ.
Matthew 1:21
2. It reveals in a wonderful way God's nature. His self-giving love
John 3:16
3. It points the way to us who seek to help others and bring them to God, that we should first become like them.
Hebrews 4:15
4. It shows that God is concerned with every side of life for Christ shared in our earthly life in all aspects.
Philippians 2:6-8
5. It shows the high destiny and wonderful possibilities of human life.
Romans 6:11
6. It assures us that there is one on high who knows and understands our weakness. For Christ though exalted is still man and the one mediator between man and God is the man Christ.
1 Timothy 2:5



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Study Two—Looking UP

Study Text— John 1:14

'The Word became flesh and lived among us'

Readings: Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 1:39-56

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God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son; grant that as she looked for his coming as our Saviour so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Why believe in the Virgin Birth?

1. The coming of the Son of God in to the world was utterly unique and required a unique miracle.
2. By natural conception a new human being comes into existence. If this had been the case with Mary, God would have had to substitute the pre-existent Christ for this new person at some point—a most unlikely procedure.
John 1:1-3; John 8:56-58; John 17:5; Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1: 7-29; Hebrews 1:2
3. We believe Jesus to have been free not only from actual but also original sin. This would not have been possible had he been conceived in the course of nature.