

BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, **BEFORE (prin)** [temporal conjunction of timing] **THEY CAME TOGETHER** (sunerchomai/ a.a.infin), she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.” (Matt.1:18) (NAS; KJ; NIV)

Many read the Christmas story of the virgin conception and birth of Jesus as an impossibility or a myth and others try to explain it from the animal kingdom. But Gabriel explained to Mary that it would be the **impossible becoming the possible!**

“How can this be, since I am a virgin?” (Luke 1:34) - “For nothing will be impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37).

This lesson will study three aspects to explain the why and how of Mary’s conception that occurred **BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER.**

It will explain why Jesus had to be conceived by the Holy Spirit (miraculous conception) and not by Joseph’s natural conception.

1. The fall of Adam established the human genetic pattern of natural conception.

In **natural conception** the father is the sexual transmitter of Adam’s Original Sin and man’s Old Sin Nature (Gen.2:17; 3:1-7).

(1 Cor.15:22) “For **as** in Adam all die (spiritually), **so also** in Christ all will be made alive (spiritually).”

In natural copulation, the male sperm is blemished by Adam’s Original Sin.

In natural conception, the mother is the sexual carrier of Adam’s Original Sin and Old Sin Nature.

Therefore, **Mary** is the carrier; but **Joseph** is NOT the transmitter. Therefore, Jesus is born outside the slave market of Adam’s Original Sin. He is born the “**Only begotten Son of God**” (John 1:14, 18; 3:16).

Prior to the fall of Adam, copulation was recreational with the promise of procreation (Gen.1:28; 3:13-16).

2. Since the fall of Adam, every member of the human race is born under Adam’s Original Sin with an Old Sin Nature, except the Christ Child, Jesus.

Every member of the human race is born under the 13 judicial charges of Adam’s Original Sin with an Old Sin Nature.

(Rom.5:12) “Therefore, just as through one-man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and **so death spread to all men, because all sinned.**” (1 cor.15:22; Ps.51:5)

(1 Tim.1:15) “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, **that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,** among whom I am foremost of all.”

3. **Mary's egg was not fertilized by natural copulation, by divine decree (Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; Luke 1:26-38; Matt.1:18-25).**

(Matt.1:20b) "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; **for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.**"

- As a female, Mary was a carrier not a transmitter of Adam's Original Sin.
- As a female carrier, Mary's egg was unblemished by Adam's Original Sin.
- Therefore, the Holy Spirit could fertilize Mary's unblemished egg and produce **Immanuel** (God with us), the Only Begotten Son of God.

(Matt.1:20) "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name '**Immanuel,**' which is translated means, 'God with us.'" (Isa. 7:14)

Immanuel is a name describing the theology of hypostatic union of Jesus Christ as "undiminished deity and true humanity in the one unique person called, JESUS CHRIST."

A Personal Exercise: (Rom.5:8)

"But God demonstrated His own love towards (your name _____),
in that while (your name _____), **was yet a sinner**
Christ died for (your name _____)."

This was required by divine decree in order to save each one of us by grace from Adam's Original Sin (**1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9**).

(2 Cor.5:21) "He made (poico/ a.a.ind.3ps) Him who knew (ginosko/ a.a.ptc.asm) no sin (asm) to be sin (asm) on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Note the word sin: (hamartia is used twice) **Impeccability** (Isa.53:4-9) (messianic prophecy)

(Gal.5:21) "I do not nullify the GRACE OF GOD, **for if righteousness comes through the Law, then** Christ died needlessly."

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