

I. Meaning of incarnation. In flesh. Jn 1:14. egeneto=no humanity until birth, tho was (en) deity. 1 Jn 4:2, pf Likeness, Rom 8:3. 2 Jn 7. came, is and will come. God man predicted in Isa 7:14 Immanuel, not spirit but actual presence of viring born child. 9:6 born, given, Mighty God. El Gibbor (hero).

II. Means of incarnation-virgin birth.

1. Predicted, Isa 7:14. almah. Marriagable virgin, ^{young woman} Gen 24:43
 bethulah-virgin tho not always, Joel 1:8.

Who? Only to Mary, Mt 1:23. But what use to Ahaz? Someone in Isa's day and Mary. 1. Ahaz's wife. 2. unknown maiden in Is. Son unknown. /son was Hezekiah/

3. Isaiah's second wife to whom not yet married. Son was Maher (8:3). Shear (7:3) son of 1st wife who died. But clearly of Mary for parthenos means virgin. Only 1 virgin birth, Isa's wife didn't have a virgin birth.

2. Announced, Lk 1:35. X's humanity, was material and imm, complete human person
 3. Verified, Matt 1:16. Fem. sing ality

(Gal. 4:4 may refer to incar bec made=egeneto=Jn 1:14).

III. Reason for virgin birth ^{Inm. concept 1854. Assumptio 1450}

Not nec to preserving X sinless. Sign of uniqueness of His person. Not widely known early (say, Pentecost), but by 50s-60s. considered crucial and est. early 2nd C. Gospels speak of parents, Lk 2:33,41, Matt 13:55. Incarnation new thing in universe; virgin birth was part and parcel of that.

IV. Genealogies. Matt is Joseph's, legal father and est. right to throne of David. Luke, Mary's. No art before Jos in 3:23. Matthan (Mt) and Matthat (Lk) same, making Jacob and Eli brothers. If Jacob died without heirs, then Jos would become heir tho nephew). Or Jacob died and Eli married widow. Jer 22:30, 1 Chron 3:17-18 (adopted? If blood descendant of Jos then X was desc of Coniah and cursed. Virgin birth freed Him from that. Or thru Nathan Lk 3:31. Or Zerubbabel Hag 2:23 (in both Mt, Lk), bec line thru which messianic promise fulfd. No one disputed X's claim to David.

V. Purposes of Incar. 1. Reveal God to us, Jn 1:18. 2. Example for us. 1 Pet 2:21; 1 Jn 2:6. 3. Effective sac for sin, Rom 1. Col 1:22