



Immaculate Deception

Truth about Mary

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No immaculate conception? Just the thought of such sounds blasphemous and wrong. However, no where does the Bible teach the doctrine of Immaculate Conception. Search the scriptures or read the Gospels and find absolutely nothing about the Immaculate Conception. Yes, one can see that the Savior was born of a virgin named Mary. The virgin birth is prophesied in Isaiah and came to pass in Luke 2. But the virgin birth and the Immaculate Conception are two distinctly different doctrines.

Believe it or not, the theology of the Immaculate Conception teaches that for the Messiah to be born sinless, that his earthly mother was sinless. This Catholic teaching has crept its way into Protestant churches who claim to believe in the Immaculate Conception without exactly knowing what it is. The Immaculate Conception actually regards the birth of Mary who was “without any stain of original sin, in her mother's womb: the dogma thus says that, from the first moment of her existence, she was preserved by God from the lack of sanctifying grace that afflicts mankind, and that she was instead filled with divine grace. It is further believed that she lived a life completely free from sin,” says encyclopedia.com. The Catholic Encyclopedia states Pope Pious IX defined this dogma in 1854. It also states that Mary was the second Eve, totally sinless, and absolutely pure.

Clearly, the deception concerning the conception leads to an unhealthy recognition of Mary. It also leads to a wrong understanding of the Messiah. Error leads to error. It is taught that Mary had to have been sinless in order to give birth to a sinless Savior. The Pope teaches that since Mary was sinless then she is due homage and worship.

Mary was a normal human, affected by the sinful nature of Adam. “By one man sin affected the world,” Romans 5:12. We know that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” This “all” includes “all” of humanity and mother Mary! “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one,” Romans 3:10.

The subject of the Savior’s birth is important to consider as it reveals the facts about His nature. The Messiah did NOT inherit his humanity from Mary. The scriptures show that Mary was sinful; therefore if Jesus had a “normal” conception then she would have passed her sinful nature onto Him.

Mary was a willing servant but she wasn’t sinless. She agreed to carry and care for the baby in her womb. Thus, she acted as a surrogate mother of the Messiah. A surrogate mother is a woman who agrees to bear a child for a couple who are childless, usually due to wife being infertile or unable to carry a baby. The child grows inside the surrogate mother but has not biological relationship with the mother. This is exactly what we see with Jesus and his earthly mother. The Almighty passed human sperm and egg and implanted a heavenly body within Mary. Hebrews 10:5 states that this was a “body prepared” in Heaven before the Savior came to earth.

Mary agreed to enter into covenant with the LORD to carry the baby in Luke 1:38. This doesn’t make Mary sinless. She was nothing more than a vessel.

Mary was not sinless or anything special. There was no immaculate conception of her body. The Savior came with sinless flesh to offer His life as a ransom for humanity. Put your trust in Him and not in religion or fables. Get to know the real Savior and worship Him in Spirit and in truth.