

Jesus Christ, The Son of God (III)

Yes, it was a miracle! The Virgin Birth of Christ was indeed a one-time occurrence. As was stated last time, Christ is the son of God. We come to this conclusion when we examine the evidence that is found. This evidence is abundant.

An additional proof of Christ's divinity is that he lived a sinless life. It is sometimes stated that since Jesus was human (he possessed the nature of man in its completeness as well as being 100% divine, John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-ff; Hebrews 2:9-17) therefore, he must have been a sinner. Only those who teach and believe the false doctrine of "Total Hereditary Depravity" take this warped view of the nature of man. To the Calvinist, a human is born a sinner by inheriting a sin nature from his parents and Adam. The fact is, man **DOES NOT** have a "sinful nature". Man is not born a sinner but becomes a sinner through his own choices and actions when he reaches an age of accountability. (Ezekiel 18:20; Ephesians 2:1-ff, then term "nature" in this context means a second nature, one that is acquired by practice and long standing habit of such. This nature is not had through heredity/inheritance or having an "inborn disposition".) Jesus was perfect and sinless (Hebrews 4:14-16; I Peter 2:21-25). And by this, he was able to take our sin debt to the cross and die for us (Romans 5:6-10). All of these pillars of proof are interrelated and dependent upon each other.

The next pillar of proof that Jesus is the son of God has to do with his work of performing miracles while he was on earth. In John 20:30-31 the inspired writer informs us that the purpose of the signs and miracles that Jesus performed is to produce faith in the reader about the Deity of Jesus. In Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, he points out to the hearers that the miracles and signs that were demonstrated by Jesus (along with the resurrection) proved he was the son of God (Acts 2:22-36). There is no doubt whatsoever that Jesus is God's son, possessing the very same nature of the Father. He is God! Next week we will discuss the greatest proof of Christ's Deity, his resurrection.

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