

The Apostles' Creed

Conceived By the Holy Ghost

Isaiah 11:1-5 ❖ Luke 1:26-38

"Once there was on this planet a human life that was all it ought to be, from its very beginning to its very end, a life filled with the Holy Spirit from the moment of conception."
(*"A Christian Primer,"* Albert Curry Winn, p. 108)

The Immaculate Conception

One of the most beautiful churches in Memphis is IC in midtown. The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception derives its name from a _____ decree made in the 1854 about _____, the mother of Jesus. Of course the _____ teaches the only immaculate conception was that of _____.

"Round yon _____ mother and Child ...
Glories stream from _____ afar ...
Jesus, _____, at Thy birth ... "

Providentially this is our lesson on Sanctity of Human _____ Sunday.

The Incarnation

The mysterious _____ about the Messiah was that "the Spirit of the LORD would _____ on Him" (Isaiah 11:2a).

Catholic and Orthodox Churches observe the _____ on March 25, which is _____ months before December 25.

The way God _____ to enter human history was to be _____, which was a particularly _____ way.

When Jesus was conceived, the eternal God _____ human form.

Jesus was _____% divine and _____% human.

Mary's Question

The Old Testament prophecies made it clear that the Messiah had to come from the House of _____: "A shoot will come up from the

stump of _____; from his _____ a Branch will bear fruit" (Isaiah 11:1). Both Mary and Joseph were descendants of _____.

Mary had much to _____ when God sent Gabriel to speak to her.

"Greetings, you who are _____ favored," the angel said, "The _____ is with you" (Luke 1:28).

"Mary was greatly _____ at his words and wondered what _____ of greeting this might be" (v. 29).

"But the angel said to her, 'Do not be _____, you have found favor with _____. You will be with _____ and give _____ to a Son, and you are to give Him the name _____. He will be great and will be called the Son of the _____. The Lord God will give Him the _____ of His father _____, and He will reign over the House of Jacob _____; His kingdom will _____ end'" (vv. 30-33).

"_____ will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a _____?" (v. 34)

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come _____ you, and the power of the Most High will _____ you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of _____. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a _____ in her _____ age, and she who was said to be _____ is in her sixth month. For nothing is _____ with God" (vv. 35-37).

Mary's Answer

"I am the Lord's _____," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have _____." Then the angel _____ her" (v. 38).

_____ Luke carefully noted the details of this _____ conception.

Elizabeth exclaimed, "Blessed is she who has _____ what the Lord has said to her will be _____" (v. 45).

Takeaway

"Across the centuries many men have tried to become _____, but only once did God try to become _____. This is not just a Christian doctrine; it is the central _____ of Christianity." (*"The Book of Jesus,"* Calvin Miller, p. 225)

