

THE FAITH OF MARY DECEMBER 16, 2018

1 TIMOTHY 3:16

The greatest events in human history were the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul referred to these as the mystery of godliness. A mystery is something hard or impossible to explain; something above human reasoning or comprehension. **POVERBS 3:5** Faith in God rises above logic and reasoning. It's not limited to sense knowledge evidences. It's of the heart, not the head. The mind can't deal with the supernatural. It can't understand how the Red Sea can part or how oil can multiply. It can't understand the incarnation.

LUKE 1:26-28

- 6,000 years ago, Satan used the body of a serpent to speak to a woman named Eve. His message appealed to her reason and logic, but contradicted God's Word. She acted on logic, and the rest is history.
- 2,000 years ago, an Angel spoke to a woman named Mary. His message contradicted logic and reasoning. Unlike Eve, she exalted God's Word above reason, and her faith enabled her creator to use her body to provide a physical body for the Messiah. Theologians call this mystery the incarnation or hypostatic union of Deity and humanity.
- Compare **LUKE 1:18-20** with **V29-38** Zacharias believed in logic, Mary believed in God's Word.

ISAIAH 7:14, 9:6, MATTHEW 1:18-23

- The virgin had to meet certain requirements.
 1. The proper genetic background: A descendant of David. Joseph and Mary were both descendants of David (Matthew's genealogy = Joseph through Solomon); Luke's genealogy = (Mary through Nathan). **JEREMIAH 22:24,30** – The kingly line was cursed because of Jeconiah. Jesus coming from that line would disqualify Him from sitting on the Throne of David. Satan thought he won! Joseph wasn't Jesus' birth father. His claim to the throne came from His mother through Nathan to David. When the birth of the King of the Jews was announced, Satan went crazy.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-8

2. She must be committed to God and morally pure. Mary was a virgin and a servant. Her parents raised her to keep herself pure for her husband. She was engaged to Joseph – legally bound to marry him. To be found pregnant could mean her death. She trusted God to protect her. Her devotion to God is seen when she called herself the handmaid of the Lord. **LUKE 1:38 (ESV)**

HEBREWS 10:1-7

While Mary confessed her faith, Jesus made His own declaration, and the hypostatic union took place. Remember **GALATIANS 4:4-5**? The time had come. The Son was given, the Child is born.

- The infinite became finite.
- The immortal became mortal.
- The Creator became the Created.
- The invisible became visible.
- The King of the universe was born in a stable.
- The Word became flesh.

MARY'S FAITH

1. Service – She served God as a young teenager.
2. Surrender – She gave her body even if it meant death.
3. Success – She obtained favor before God and man.
4. Song – **LUKE 1:39-49** – Faith rejoices before any physical evidences.