

Jesus' Birth

Jesus' birth was no different from that of other humans. He had two human parents – Joseph who begot him and Mary who bore him (John 6:42; Luke 4:22). He was not conceived by the Holy Spirit as the Bible states, nor did Mary have the angel Gabriel visit her and tell her that she would conceive a child via the Holy Spirit. Also, Joseph never told Jesus that he was not his natural father. At no time in his ministry did Jesus claim that he had any other father than Joseph. His disciples never looked at him as God or a special and unique Son of God in the traditionally taught sense.

Before or after Jesus' birth, Mary was not given any information that her son would be any different from other children or have a special mission. It was only later in his life, when the Divine Love of the Father was manifesting in Jesus' soul, that Mary realized a difference.

Mary wasn't a virgin when Jesus was born, and had several other children born to her in Egypt where the family fled after Jesus' life was threatened in Palestine (Matt. 13:55-56). As a child, the only way Jesus differed from other children was that he never sinned nor knew sin in his heart. The way this was possible is as follows.

Jesus was not born with the Divine Love in his soul nor with the knowledge that he was sent to earth to teach about the re-bestowal of God's Love and the gift of immortality. However, his soul longings for at-onement with his Heavenly Father as a developing fetus did draw the Divine Love to him. But its initial work was not to infill and transform his soul, but to remove the encrustations on the soul's surface that he inherited from his forebears in the form of inclinations or tendencies to sin. These inclinations have formed a part of humankind's inheritance ever since man's fall from his original perfection. These tendencies to sin that all humans are born with become sins only when acted upon. Nevertheless, they are encumbrances to the soul in that they carry an influential force toward sinning in thought and deed.

Had Jesus been born with these encumbrances, he would have been just as likely to act on these as others have. Then he would not have been in that soulful state where he could be either entrusted or enabled to carry out his messianic mission. So, to achieve the messianic purpose, it was necessary to be born with the same pristine purity of soul enjoyed by the first parents and have a completely free choice, unencumbered by sins or tendencies to sin.

If the Father had continued the process of divine cleansing beyond the removal of inherited encrustations, the Divine Love would have gone beyond "surface cleaning," and entered Jesus' soul, which was by then restored to its original purity. This would have meant implanting a portion of the Divine Love into the soul and would have transcended the Father's purpose for humankind's beginnings, which is that no human is ever incarnated and born with any portion of the Divine. It is only after birth, that the opportunity is given to all souls to receive portions of the Divine Love through prayer and fervent soul yearnings.

Thus, as all humans before him and since, Jesus was born with no portion of the Divine Love within. But as mentioned, the Divine Love was employed to remove inherited encrustations from his soul that would have prevented him from being born without inclinations to sin and in the same pristine soul condition enjoyed by the first parents.

While God's teachings were committed to Jesus from the beginning, he only became conscious of them as he was growing up and came in close communication with the Father. This happened when he began to receive the Divine Love into his soul. He realized at that time that this was in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies of the new heart that he had studied. His close

relationship with God resulted in the realization that God gave him a mission to teach the truth about the Divine Love and the way to salvation. The voice in his soul also told him that he was God's true son. In that sense, Jesus was both a son of two human parents, born like all other humans, as well as a son of God, through the new birth resulting from the Divine Love transforming his soul into divine substance.

The Father chose Jesus from the beginning to be His Messiah, for He would not have purified his soul in preparation for this mission had this not been His intention. However, Jesus had the choice whether or not to accept this mission. Perhaps the Father knew he would choose to carry out His Will in this regard, but never was the choice to do so compelled in any way. Jesus was perfectly free to reject the Father's mission, but his spiritual nature was such that his only desire was to achieve closer and closer at-onement of soul with Him. Accordingly, the natural outcome of such an aspiration was to become qualified through soul transformation to accept the mission for which he was prepared. Had he not done so, he would have violated his own nature and free will desire to embrace this opportunity.

In summary, the Father chose Jesus for the mission of bringing to humans the gospel of salvation, but he did not become aware of it and his option to accept or reject this opportunity, until he had achieved manhood and nearly complete soul transformation. So in a sense, the Father "prepared the way" for him, but this was with his cooperation at every step. And when Jesus understood the Messianic mission offered to him, he could do nothing but to accept, and to accept with great gratitude and happiness.

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