

Sermon Title: "TWO BIRTHS"

Date: December 4, 2022 - Luke 1:26-38

Central Idea: The Holy Spirit does in our lives what we could never originate or create ourselves. Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to work in your life?

Introduction: The Gospel accounts and ancient writings confess that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin by the miraculous intervention of the Holy Spirit. Mary, the mother of Jesus, gave birth to the Christ without any human sexual encounter; thus Jesus had no human biological father. In this way God made a new beginning in human history. God Himself originated a particular human life—Jesus of Nazareth—by a new act of creation. Jesus Christ did not arise out of the continuity of human history, but God came to the rescue by creating a New Person.

In a truly related way, one becomes a Christian by the operation of the Holy Spirit in the new birth. The same God who can create by a virgin birth can intervene in human life today with a new birth. The same Holy Spirit operates in both realms.

I. Virgin Birth Luke 1:26-38

- 1. Affirmation of Scripture vv. 27,34**
- 2. Expectation of Prophecy Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14**
- 3. Mary's Question Luke 1:34**
- 4. Activity of the Holy Spirit Luke 1:35**

II. New Birth John 3:1-8

- 1. Born from above v. 3**
- 2. Born of the Spirit vv. 6-8**
- 3. Born of God John 1:10-13**

Conclusion: The new birth of a Christian is equally without human causation and just as mysterious as the virgin birth. The new birth, not less than the virgin birth, is the sheer act of God. The same God who could empower a virgin birth can likewise give you new birth!