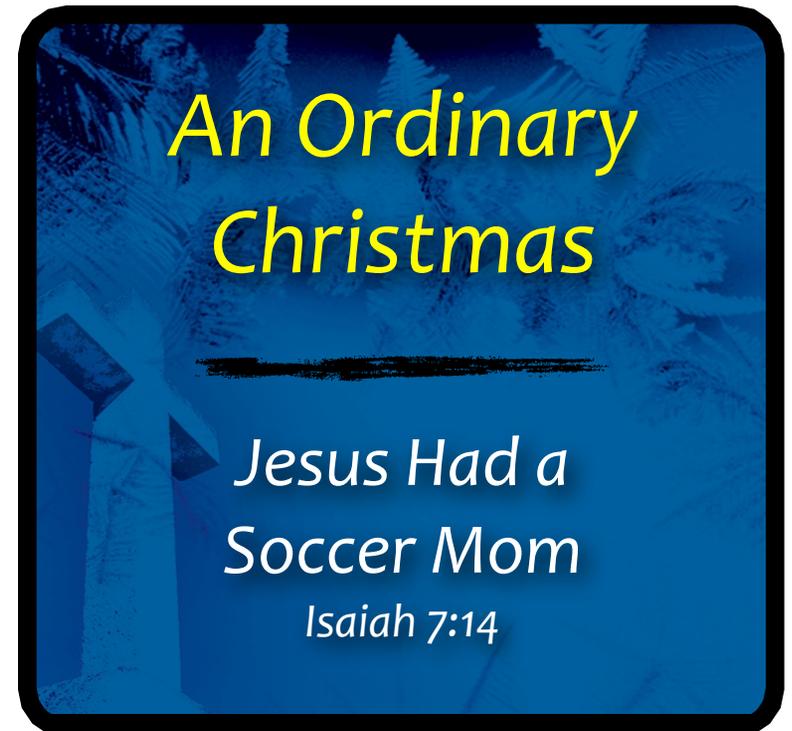


I heard it doesn't matter if Jesus was born of a virgin.

if Jesus had a real, earthly, biological father named Larry, and archaeologists find Larry's tomb and do DNA samples and prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the virgin birth was really just a bit of mythologizing the Gospel writers threw in to appeal to the followers of the Mithra and Dionysian religious cults...we would essentially not lose any significant part of our faith because it is more about how we live. Rob Bell, Velvet Elvis, pg. 26.

What should I think about Mary?

"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Luke 1:38



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Jesus had a soccer mom

What does the Bible teach about the virgin birth of Jesus?

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” Genesis 3:15

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, ... Isaiah 9:6-7

*The **young woman** (young woman) was very attractive in appearance, a **maiden** (virgin) whom no man had known. Genesis 24:16*

...before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ... for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ... Behold, the virgin shall conceive... but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. Matthew 1:18-25

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;... for nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:34-37

But I heard...

I heard Mary did not have a normal delivery?

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth;... Micah 5:2-3

I heard Mary remained a virgin the rest of her life.

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? Matthew 13:55

I heard Mary conceived through a fleshly act with God.