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– JOHN 1:14



The Word: Begotten not Created

SECOND DAY OF NATIVITY



No Ordinary Birth

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” (Jn. 1:1-2)

The Lord Christ has two births:

1. From the Virgin Mary

- *“Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, **and was incarnate** of the Holy spirit and the Virgin Mary **and became Man.**”* (Nicene Creed)
- “...great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh...” (1 Tim. 3:16)

No Ordinary Birth

2. From the Father

*“We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, **begotten not created**, of one essence with the Father...”* (Nicene Creed)

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”
(Jn. 1:14)

OT Prophecies

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.” (Mic. 5:2)

“Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord God and His Spirit Have sent Me.” (Is. 48:16)

NT Declarations

“...before Abraham was, I AM.” (Jn. 8:58)

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’ ”? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore. (Matt. 22:41-46)

NT Declarations

St. John the Baptist

- “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’” (Jn. 1:15)

“And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.” (Jn. 17:5)



Why was the Lord Christ referred to as the Word?

1. The authority of man is carried in his words

- “Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, **and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.**”
(Gen. 2:19)

God’s word carries His power

- “Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”
(Gen. 1:3)

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The Word of God is the power of God

- “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.” (Ps. 33:6)

The Lord Christ is the power of God

“...of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made...” (Nicene Creed)



Why was the Lord Christ referred to as the Word?

2. Words are used to impart understanding about something not perceivable by the senses

Ex: Mind and conscience

“Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.” (Jn. 14:8-10)

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Not everything in one's mind is spoken

- “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables.” (Mk. 4:11)

Is revealed in due time

- “...the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.” (Col. 2:26)

“Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.” (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

Summary

Birth of the Lord Christ differs from any human birth

- The Lord Christ has two births

Why was the Lord Christ referred to as the Word?

- The authority of man is carried in his words
- Words are used to impart understanding about something no perceive by the senses
- Words have their beginning before they exits one's mouth