

The incarnation of Jesus means His coming into the flesh. We believe, according to Holy Scripture, that the incarnation took place when Jesus was born of the virgin Mary. Before you do this lesson, read Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:28-35; Hebrews 2:14; and the Belgic Confession, Article 18.

A. Answer each question carefully.

1. In your own words, tell what the virgin birth means. _____

2. Why was such a miraculous birth necessary? _____

3. What does this birth show, as far as the work of salvation is concerned? _____

4. Why was it important that Christ be born to Mary of the seed of David? _____

5. What is the profit of the incarnation of Christ for the church? _____

6. Did Jesus have brothers and sisters? That is, did Joseph and Mary have sons and daughters? _____ If so, what are their names? _____

7. Through the many years of church history, there have been various controversies (doctrinal disputes) concerning the natures of Christ. Some denied that Christ had a *real* human nature. Others denied that He had a *complete* human nature. The result of these controversies is that the church has defined the human nature of Jesus with the following terms. Learn these terms, and try to give an explanation for each one. (You might have to fill in a few when you come to class.)

a. Real — _____

b. Complete — _____

c. Sinless — _____

d. Weakened — _____

e. Central — _____

8. Christ was made as much like us as it is possible to be, with the one important exception of sin. He was even tempted as we are (Heb. 4:15).

a. List the temptations of Jesus (Matt. 4:1-11). _____,
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b. Why was He tempted? (See Heb. 2:18.) _____

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B. True or False:

- 1. There were times when Jesus was tired, and hungry and thirsty.
- 2. The temptations of Jesus were not really difficult for Him.
- 3. Jesus had a human body, but a divine soul.
- 4. There were many times when Mary could not understand her Son.
- 5. God is the Father of Jesus also according to the human nature.
- 6. Jesus understands everything that we will ever have to experience.
- 7. When Jesus was born of Mary, He stopped being God.
- 8. If Jesus had had one sin, He could never cover our sins in the sight of God.
- 9. We can understand the word "virgin" to mean "young lady."
- 10. Jesus had a human father.