

Jesus in Prophecy



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The Apostles Creed (215ad)



- ✧ I believe in God,
- ✧ the Father Almighty, Creator of **heaven** and earth;
- ✧ and in **Jesus** Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
- ✧ Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
- ✧ **born of the Virgin Mary;**
- ✧ suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
- ✧ He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

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- ✧ He ascended into heaven,
- ✧ is seated at the **right** hand of **God** the Father Almighty;
- ✧ from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
- ✧ I believe in the Holy Spirit,
- ✧ the Holy **Catholic** Church, (universal)
- ✧ the communion of Saints,
- ✧ the forgiveness of sins,
- ✧ the resurrection of the body,
- ✧ and **life** everlasting.
- ✧ Amen.

The Nicene Creed (325ad)



- ✧ We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
- ✧ And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds,
- ✧ God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made;
- ✧ who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the **Virgin Mary**, and was made man,

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- and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
- He suffered and was buried,
- and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
- and ascended into heaven,
- and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
- And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

The Nicene Creed



- ✧ And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
- ✧ who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
- ✧ who spoke by the prophets.
- ✧ And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
- ✧ We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
- ✧ And we look for the resurrection of the dead,
- ✧ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Virgin Birth Polls



- ❧ In 1998, a Harris poll revealed that **83 percent of Americans** believe in the virgin birth...
 - ❧ That Jesus was born of the virgin Mary
 - ❧ Without a human father
- ❧ In 2002, another poll showed that **27 percent of British Clergy** do not...
 - ❧ The view of one Hampshire vicar was typical: "There was nothing special about his birth or his childhood - it was his adult life that was extraordinary."
 - ❧ He declined to be named, saying: "I have a very traditional bishop and this is one of those topics I do not go public on. I need to keep the job I have got."

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❧ **1998:** A poll of 7,441 Protestant clergy in the U.S. showed a wide variation in belief. The following ministers did *not* believe in the virgin birth: American ...

❧ Lutherans 19%

❧ Baptists 34%

❧ Episcopalians 44%

❧ Presbyterians 49%

❧ Methodists 60%

❧ **1994 to 2003:** *The Harris Poll*® The following **do believe** in the virgin birth:

❧ 91% - 93% of Christian believers and 27%-47% **Unbelievers**

Virgin Birth Polls



- ❧ **1999:** A poll of 103 Roman Catholic priests, Anglican priests, and Protestant ministers/pastors in the UK found that about 25% did *not* believe in the virgin birth.
 - ❧ Yet, 97% of the same group do not believe the world was created in six days,
 - ❧ and 80% do not believe in the literal existence of Adam and Eve.
- ❧ **2004:** A poll of ministers of the Church of Scotland found that 37% do not believe in the virgin birth.
 - ❧ Many believe that the virgin birth should be interpreted metaphorically rather than as a description of an actual event

Christian Post Polls - 2007



- ❧ The majority of Americans believe the Biblical story of Jesus Christ being born to the virgin Mary literally, according to a survey released Monday.
- ❧ Three out of four adults (75 percent) said they believe in the gospel narrative of the birth of Jesus Christ, found a nationwide survey conducted by The Barna Group.
- ❧ Out of the sixty population subgroups in the research, there was only one group where a majority of respondents did not take the virgin birth literally. The exception was atheists and agnostics – among whom only 15 percent said the event happened literally.

Christian Post Polls - 2007



- ❧ Surprisingly, a solid majority of self-described liberals on political and social issues (60 percent) believed in the biblical view of Christ's birth.
- ❧ Most of the respondents indicated that they accepted five of the six stories – the virgin birth story being the most widely accepted.
- ❧ More than four out of five born again adults embrace the story of Eve while less than half as many among the non-born again subgroups believe in it. Only eight percent of atheists and agnostics accepted the story.

Christian Post Polls - 2007



- ❧ Born again Christians (72 percent) were the most enthusiastic in accepting the story at face value. Interestingly, females were more likely than males to accept this story as the truth.
- ❧ In general, **born-again** Christians, Protestants, residents in the South, and those who describe themselves as politically conservative were more likely to accept the biblical stories in question as literally true.

The Call to Believe



- ❧ *Mar_1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and **believe** in the gospel."*
- ❧ *Mar_9:42 "But whoever causes one of these little ones who **believe** in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.*
- ❧ *Luk_24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to **believe** in **all** that the prophets have spoken!*
- ❧ *Joh_6:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you **believe** in Him whom He sent."*

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- ❧ Joh_5:46 *For if you **believed** Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.*
- ❧ Joh_5:47 *But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"*
- ❧ Joh 12:47 *And if anyone hears My words and does not **believe**, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.*
- ❧ Joh 12:48 *He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him – the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*

I Believe



- ❧ Joh_14:11 *Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.*
- ❧ Joh 20:29 *Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have **believed**."*
- ❧ Joh 20:30 *And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;*
- ❧ Joh 20:31 *but these are written that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*