



A Contemplative, Biblical Analysis of Mary, Mother of Christ

What did Mary really know?

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Quiz 3 – Virgin Mary’s Knowledge Before Conception

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1 What are some of modern-day Biblical scholars’ attempts to disprove the virginity of Mary before her conception of Jesus? (May be more than one answer)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. They question the inerrancy of the Word of God
- b. They compare the Greek word that means virgin to the Hebrew word that does not
- c. They debate the Greek translation of the Word
- d. They argue about the definition of the word virgin

2 Who declares Mary's virginity three times in Luke 1:26-38?

Choose one answer.

- a. None of the above
- b. John the Baptist
- c. Mary's betrothed husband Joseph
- d. Angel Gabriel

3 And after Gabriel announces Mary's virginity 3 times officially, who offers irrefutable evidence that the term virgin meant that she had never known a man in that way? (Luke 1:34)

Choose one answer.

- a. Joseph
- b. Mary
- c. Martha

d. John

4 What statements of fact can be formed through Mary's declaration in Luke 1:34 that she was a virgin, without ever having known a man through sexual intercourse and carnal relationship?

Choose one answer.

- a. Mary had a pure body that was reserved for her soon-to-be husband Joseph
- b. The LORD God recognizes Mary's purity
- c. Mary had knowledge of the need for sexual relations to reproduce children
- d. All of the above.

5 Joseph does not have sexual relations with Mary until after she brings forth her first born son Jesus according to Matthew 1:18-25.

Answer:

- True False

6 What condition exists for those "betrothed" in 1st Century Judaism that Mary and Joseph experienced at the time of the conception of Jesus? (There will be multiple answers)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. If a break-up or one party dies during betrothal and before the official marriage, they are considered widow or widower
- b. A betrothal agreement includes a promise to marry
- c. It is a formal prenuptial contract
- d. A betrothal is arranged by the parents usually
- e. There are witnesses present for the betrothal ceremony
- f. If the woman betrays the betrothal contract, she can be stoned
- g. Betrothed girls do not have sexual relations and usually stay at their parent's house
- h. A prenuptial was normally given to a young woman around the age of 12 or 13

7 What does the Greek word *parthenos* (virgin) mean specifically?

Choose one answer.

- a. Period of young womanhood
- b. Young Maiden
- c. Period between childhood and adulthood, who is ripe for bearing children
- d. None of the above

8 The Greek word *parthenos* fully denies sexual intercourse has taken place.

Answer:

- True False

9 What evidence exists to support the virginal conception of Christ, since the Greek word *parthenos* is not fully conclusive?

Choose one answer.

- a. Old Testament
- b. New Testament
- c. Scripture
- d. All of the above

10 What situation(s) lead to the incorrect assumption that the account of Mary's virginity is unsupported and the Scripture word should indicate "young maiden" instead?

Choose at least one answer.

- a. The Greek word "parthenos" speaks of the period between childhood and adulthood, rather than womanhood
- b. There is a strong possibility that the virginity of Mary is not an issue
- c. Interpretation of the Greek word "parthenos" without Scripture exegesis supports alternative translations
- d. All of the above

11 What early pre-Christian literature records a virginal conception taking place?

Choose one answer.

- a. Traditional stories passed down through generations have mentioned virginal births
- b. Only the Old Testament reference in Isaiah 7:14 hints of virginal conception prior to the establishment of Christianity
- c. There are numerous accounts of virginal births in early pagan literature.
- d. Rare, but legitimate references can be found in some of the early pagan literature prior to Christian faith

12 How do some Jewish scholars debate the meaning of Isaiah 7:14?

Choose one answer.

- a. They make a point that the Hebrew word "alma" does not fully claim virgin status
- b. When the Hebrew word "alma" and the Greek word "parthenos" are combined, the definition of virgin becomes confused
- c. Jewish scholars do not debate the Hebrew meaning of the word "alma" found in Isaiah 7:14
- d. They argue that the Hebrew word "alma" does not presume virginity, thus, making the word "virgin" a misrepresentation of Scripture

13 When all evidences of the historical accounts in Matthew, Luke, and Isaiah are considered together, and the Greek and Hebrew words examined closely, there is no doubt to the virginity of Mary before the conception of Christ.

Answer:

- True False

14 What messages did Angel Gabriel deliver to Mary as recorded in Luke 1:31-33?
(Will be many answers)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. Angel Gabriel explained how she would be impregnated by the Holy Ghost
- b. Angel Gabriel tells here that the conception will bring forth a son that will be

named Jesus

- c. Angel Gabriel informs Mary that she would become the Mother of God
- d. Angel Gabriel tells here that she is highly favored by God
- e. Angel Gabriel comforts Mary's fear
- f. Angel Gabriel told Mary that her human son would actually be holy and called the Son of God
- g. Angel Gabriel reveals that JESUS would be great and called the Son of the Highest
- h. Angel Gabriel reveals that Jesus will receive the throne of his father David

15 What was Mary's reaction upon hearing Angel Gabriel's message as recorded in Luke 1:31-35?

Choose at least one answer.

- a. She became confused
- b. She feared
- c. She pondered
- d. She laughed.

16 How did the Holy Ghost impregnate the Virgin Mary with the Son of God in human form?

Choose one answer.

- a. Human Jesus was created through the fertilization of Mary's eggs
- b. None of the above
- c. It was a two-step process; the power of God overshadowed Mary, and her egg was fertilized to create baby Jesus
- d. The Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary with His Power

17 Why was the overshadowing process utilized by God in the impregnation of Virgin Mary?

Choose one answer.

- a. The Power of God could obliterate Mary if in His Presence without an external

shadow

- b. Since the power of God surges through Mary, God formed an internal shadow to prevent damage to her
- c. The overshadowing might also have allowed the divine Jesus to grow inside the human mother
- d. All of the above

18 The mountain in Moses' day, the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle, the Holy of Holies in the Temple of God, and the Virgin Mary were all overshadowed by the Holy Ghost to protect human beings from being overcome and destroyed by the full Power of God.

Answer:

- True False

19 What is the theological term that expresses God's presence with humanity?

Choose one answer.

- a. Divine Immanence
- b. Hypostatic Union
- c. Incarnation
- d. All of the above

20 What reactions did Joseph experience during the time of the Virgin Mary's pregnancy?

Choose one answer.

- a. When he first heard of Mary's pregnancy, he contemplated a private divorce to avoid public stoning
- b. He is forced to spiritually and morally contemplate the supernatural events occurring in his life
- c. Joseph has a supernatural dream that is so convincing he immediately takes Mary to be his wife
- d. All of the above