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WM - BEN WRIGHT - "A MOST IMPORTANT FACT"

WM - KALEB HALL

**OUR GOSPEL MEETING IS NOV 6-9. WE WILL HAVE EVENING SERVICES ON
SUNDAY AT 3:15 FOLLOWING THE FIRST SUNDAY SINGING AT 2 PM**

NOVEMBER 6 IS STEWARDSHIP DAY

**READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- LUKE 9-10; MON-11-12; TUES- 13-15; WED- 16-18;
THUR- 19-20; FRI- 21-22; SAT-23-24; SUN- JOHN 1-3**

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 4: Kenneth Windham

ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct 31: Glenn & Sue Lockhart

Nov 2: Neil & Carolyn Myers

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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A MOST IMPORTANT FACT

(Luke 1:26-35)

The _____ of others.

- A. The first to suggest any discrepancy with this fact did so, more than likely knowing _____ of the fact.
 - 1. In John 8, Jesus is recorded having a discussion with _____ that were against Him.
 - 2. They believed Jesus was a result of an act of _____.
- B. Later on, a group of supposed Christians known as Ebionites, who were really Gnostics, taught that Jesus was simply a _____.
- C. In the 6th century, a mocking gospel account was written by a Jew who wrote that Jesus was the result of a union of Mary and a _____ soldier named Pantera.
- D. These type stories continued until the _____ movement began in the late 1800's.
- E. Brigham Young, one of the most famous Mormon teachers, taught that Jesus was conceived in a _____ manner but between God and Mary.

I. The _____ of the virgin birth.

- A. If there was no virgin birth there is no _____.
- B. If there is on virgin birth, there is no _____ guide to heaven.
- C. If there was no virgin birth, Jesus was not _____.
- D. If there is no virgin birth, there is no _____.
- E. If there was no virgin birth, we have no _____.

II. The _____ that prove the virgin birth.

- A. There are two very important Old Testament passages that _____ of a virgin birth for the Messiah.
 - 1. _____ 3:15.
 - 2. _____ 7:14.
 - a. Much is said about the word “_____” by those that say there is no virgin birth.
 - (1) The RSV rendered it “young _____.”
 - (2) This Hebrew word is used in _____ other places, each one referring to an unmarried girl.
 - 3. Isaiah 9:6 and Micah 5:2 point to the fact that the one coming _____ before birth so they are important as well.
- B. In the New Testament, notice how specific the wording is in _____ 1:20 and _____ 1:30-35.
- C. Notice also, _____ 4:4 and _____ 1:16.

Those who attack our faith would have us believe that we have nothing more than blind faith and that we are living in a “dream world” in our view of life and the future. What the world does not understand is that there is insurmountable evidence for our faith. We are not those who have bought into a cunningly devised fable that is without foundation.

Consider one aspect of the evidence for our faith and how it gives substance to all of our lives. That aspect is the many prophecies that were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born and the fact He fulfilled them all. The following is from the writings of Hugo McCord and appears in his book, *From Heaven or From Men*:

If only 50 prophecies about Jesus had been made, assuming an equal chance for their happening or not happening, the law of probability against all 50 being fulfilled is that of the 100th power of two to unity; that is, the probability is greater than 1,125,000,000 to one. Then to assume that the 50 events would happen contemporaneously surpasses the power of numbers to express correctly the immense improbability of it taking place. If 100 prophecies had been made, the chance that they would happen to one man is less than the drops of water if the world were completely water. But there are not 50, not 100, but 332 prophecies about Jesus.”

Do you see the force of his words? There is not an equal chance of any of these prophecies happening. For example, the only way for the prophecy of his birthplace being in Bethlehem would be if there were only two villages of equal size with the same numbers of birth. Such was not the case as there were hundreds of towns in the Bible lands. However, just assume there were only two equal possibilities for every prophecy and still there are no numbers large enough to represent that He would be able to fulfill only 100 of them.

Now consider the nature of many of the prophecies and think of how unlikely it would be that any of them would actually happen. God foretold the place of His birth, His virgin birth, the massacre of infants, His flight to Egypt, His living in Nazareth, His riding as a king on a donkey, His betrayal by a friend, the precise number of pieces of silver of His betrayal price, the money to be used to buy a potter’s field, His silence during His trial, His death with the thieves, His hands and feet being pierced, His resurrection, etc., etc. There is foundation to our faith!