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An Essential Christian Belief

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"For unless you believe that I AM who I claim to be, you will die in your sins."

-John 8:24

The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets: God became a man. When you really stop and consider it, no other way would have accomplished God's goal.

Of course, it would have been possible for Jesus to come into this world as a complete yet sinless human being without a woman bearing Him. In other words, He could have just appeared and said, "Here I am—God in human form!" He wouldn't have had to go through the entire process of being born in Bethlehem and being raised in Mary and Joseph's home.

But if Jesus had come to us that way, He would have seemed unapproachable. It would be hard for us to believe that He was someone like us.

On the other hand, Jesus could have been born of two human parents, and God could have supernaturally intervened and caused Him to be without sin. But then, that could have given us a nagging doubt about whether He was really the Messiah.

God could have chosen other ways to send His only Son to Earth, but He chose the right way, even the logical way. Of course, the Virgin Birth was a miracle, an out-of-the-ordinary occurrence brought forth by the hand of God. If you don't believe that, it means that you don't believe what God says. It also means that you don't believe He can do miracles. However, if you believe that God will do what He says and can work miracles, then you can believe in the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection.

Jesus said, "For unless you believe that I am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins" (John 8:24 NLT).

Believing in the Virgin Birth is essential to being a Christian. It's necessary if you are a true follower of Jesus Christ.