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Over time, as the ancient philosophers pondered life's ultimate questions, they came up with a term to describe ultimate reality, and the term they came up with was *logos*. The *logos* came to be understood as that which gave life and meaning to the universe. Within the realm of Greek philosophy, however, this *logos* was largely understood to be an impersonal force, not a personal being.

– R. C. Sproul



From Heaven To Earth

John 1:1 The Logos is God + Jesus is the
Logos = Jesus Is God



John 1:14 The Logos (Word) became flesh



God did not disguise himself as a man, but
BECAME MAN!

Christ did not pass through the Virgin as through a channel, but actually took flesh and was actually fed with her milk. He really ate as we eat and drank as we drink. For if the incarnation was a figment of the imagination so is our salvation.

– Cyril of Jerusalem



1 Corinthians 15:47

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

Matthew 1:20

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 4:4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

The God who came to earth came not in a raging whirlwind nor in a devouring fire. Unimaginably, the Maker of all things shrank down, down, down, so small as to become an ovum, a single fertilized egg barely visible to the naked eye, an egg that would divide and redivide until a fetus took shape, enlarging cell by cell inside a nervous teenager.

– Phillip Yancey



The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk Himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding.

– Martin Luther



Matthew 1:19

And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to **shame**, resolved to divorce her quietly.

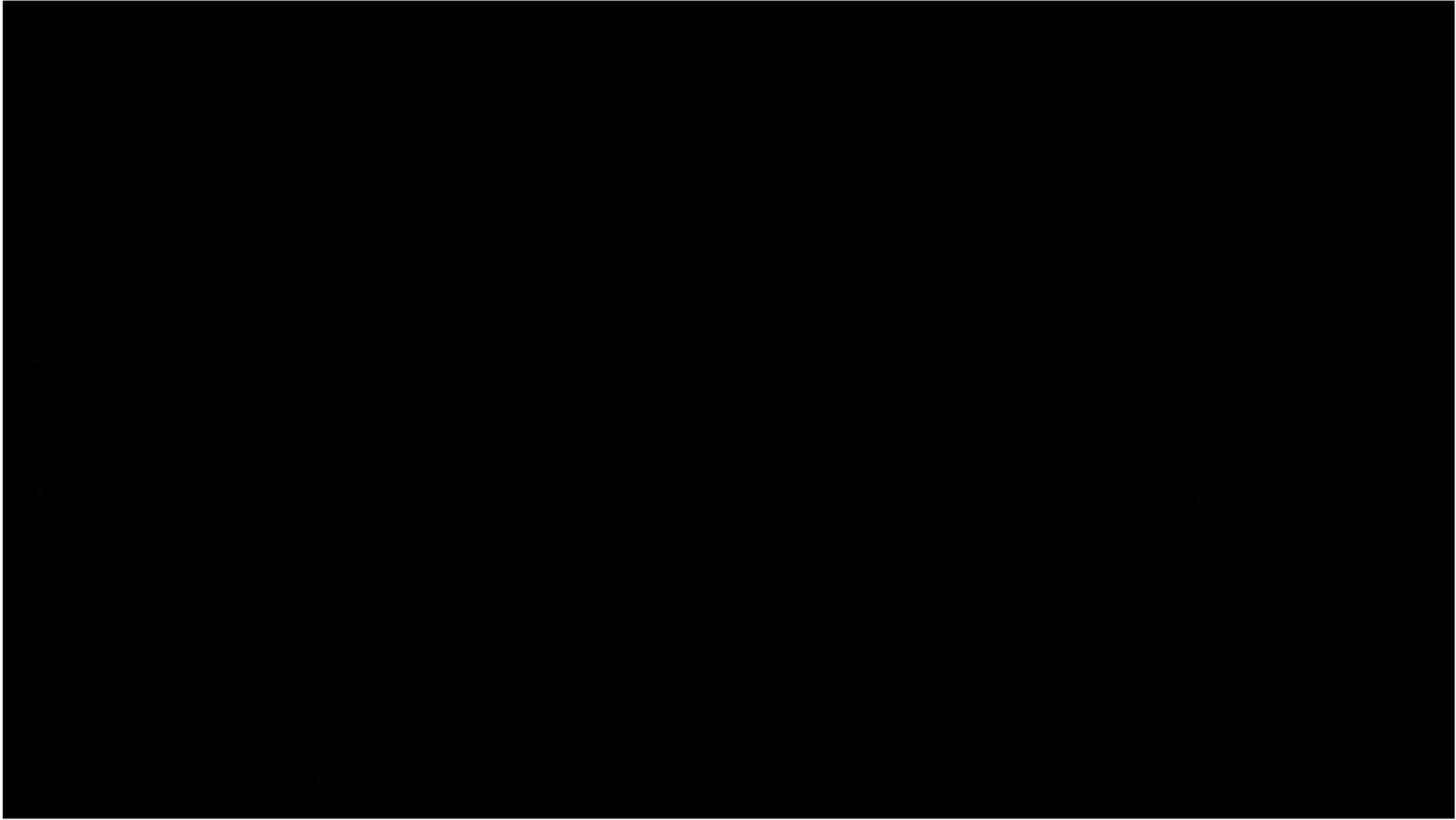
He would be afraid of what everybody would think about him. Joseph knew about his own doubts when Mary told him about the angel. There's no way people in his town were going to believe an angel came to a poor couple in an obscure village and caused the conception of a child in the body of a virgin teenage girl. He knew that if he married her, his friends would never accept his account of what happened.

He would not be invited to their homes, he would not be given their business, and he would never again be admired and respected as a lover of the Torah. If he committed himself to this baby- to the one who would be known as Jesus-he would do so at enormous sacrifice. His whole reputation, the work of a lifetime, would be trashed. Since that time, millions of people have made sacrifices for the sake of this one called Jesus.

Many have given up status, possessions, convenience, freedoms, even their lives. But Joseph, who gave up his identity and reputation for Jesus, had not even seen him yet. When Joseph looked into people's eyes after he obeyed God, things were never the same. They never looked at him with the same respect and adoration. But when he looked into the eyes of that child, Jesus, he knew he had done the right thing.

– John Ortberg





John 8:39-41

They answered him, "Abraham is our father."

Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are doing the works your father did."

They said to him, "**We were not born of sexual immorality.** We have one Father—even God."

We do not know what Mary suffered. But we get a glimpse of what Jesus endured. His enemies always had this trump card they could throw on the table when the force of truth turned against them. In John 8, Jesus was uncovering their deep duplicity and slavery to sin, even implying that the devil was their father. When Jesus said,

“You are doing what your father did,” they reached for the card and said, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father— even God” (verse 41). The indictment was not veiled: they were calling Jesus a bastard. Even into the third century, Origen was still answering this slander in the writings of Celsus.

- John Piper



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1 Peter 2:6

For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him **will not be put
to shame.**”