

**WHO WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM?
ISAIAH 7:14 / 12-18-16 / AM**

I. FIRST, JESUS WAS BORN OF A VIRGIN .

- A. Isaiah tells us this—7:14 “**virgin**”.
- B. Why was Jesus’ virgin birth so important?
 - 1. To prove that Jesus was more than a man.
 - 2. He is literally God in the flesh.
 - 3. Jesus’ life on earth began in Bethlehem but he has always existed.

II. SECOND, JESUS WAS BORN A HUMAN BEING .

- A. Isaiah says so—7:14 “**son**”.
- B. Paul says so—Philippians 2:6-8
- C. A controversy over the humanity of Jesus--“Gnosticism”--1 John 4:1-2
- D. Why is Jesus’ humanity so important?
 - 1. To identify with us.
 - 2. The writer of Hebrews says this—Hebrews 4:15.

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III. THIRD, JESUS WAS BORN NEVER TO LEAVE US

- A. This is what Isaiah says—7:14 “**Immanuel**”
- B. The angel told Joseph—Matthew 1:22-23
- C. Jesus’ promises this—Matthew 28:20.