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## The nature of Christ – Pt 1. Sinless

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Christ was born of a virgin.

"To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name [was] Mary" (Lk.1: 27). C.p. "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS" (Lk.1: 31).

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt.1: 22–23). The prophet is Isaiah – 7: 14.

### 2. Christ was tempted as we are yet without sin.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb.4: 15).  
See also 1Pet.2: 21 & 22.

The Lord Jesus Christ was tempted by Satan as no man ever has, such that when the devil departed "angels came and ministered unto him" (Matt.4: 11). Yet in all the temptation he was without sin. And the rest of His life he was sinless, as one of the malefactors attested – "this man hath done nothing amiss" (Lk.23: 41).

### 3. Christ was God manifest in the flesh.

"And...great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh" (1Tim 3:16).  
See also Jn.1: 1 C.p.verse 14.

Additional comments on our three points.

If a Jehovah Witness believed his bible that attests to the virgin Mary being with child without knowing a man (Lk.1: 34), hence conception took place by "The Holy Ghost" coming upon her (verse 35), then it should NOT surprise him that her son Jesus was God manifest in the flesh.

Applying the teaching to our life today.

If you want to challenge a Muslim on the errors of his faith in Allah, and his unholy Qur'an, try asking some of these questions:-

Was Mohammed born of a virgin? Answer: No.

Did Mohammed live a sinless life? Answer: No – Allah told him to ask for forgiveness (Sur. 40: 55)

Can it be said that Mohammed was Allah manifest in the flesh? Answer: No!

Question to think about.

If any one of our three points above are false, would it lessen the effectiveness of Christ's sacrifice on the cross?

My answer to our question from the scriptures.

YES: If Christ was **not** born of a virgin He would have inherited Adam's sin, so His sacrifice would have been ineffective in taking away the sin of the world.

If Christ was tempted as we are, and sinned as we do, then His sacrifice would have been ineffective in taking away the sin of the world.

Only God can forgive sins (Lk.5: 21), so IF the Lord Jesus is **not** God Almighty, IF He is not God manifest in the flesh, then His sacrifice could not take away the sins of the world.

PLUS – If any one of these three aspects of Christ's nature are false then Christ's sacrifice would need to be repeated, because His sacrifice on the cross would be ineffective, which contradicts the scriptures that say – "So Christ was **once** offered to bear the sins of many" (Heb.9: 28).

Because Christ was born of a virgin, He lived a sinless life, and He was God manifest in the flesh, He was the **perfect** one-off sacrifice, "who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot" (Heb.9: 14) to take away our sin.