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**Why?**

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**&**

***Representation***

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## **Apostles Creed**

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.***



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***The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic\* church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***



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***Week #4***

***...who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit and born of  
the virgin Mary.***



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**So why is this *Virgin* birth so vital in Christian faith?**



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**1. *She Is Sexually Pure:***

**Virginity before marriage is important because the recipient of God's best gifts ought to be pure. Jesus was not born into original sin.**

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**14 There they are to present their offerings to the LORD: a year-old male lamb without defect for a burnt offering, a year-old ewe lamb without defect for a sin offering, a ram without defect for a fellowship offering, -Numbers 6:14**





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## **2. *She Wasn't Pregnant Already.***

**Mary's virginity is also important because it meant she wasn't pregnant. God aimed to make known that the conception of Jesus in the womb of a woman had nothing to do with man, So he chose a virgin. And a virgin conceived a child whose Father was God and not man.**





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***Luke 1:35***

***"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."***



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*Looking for the **Gospel** connection!*

**What's the Gospel?**

*The Good news of Christ's death burial and resurrection!*

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**We are going to connect the Old and the New  
Testament!**



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**So it is written: “The first man  
Adam became a living being” ;  
the last Adam, a life-giving  
spirit. -1 Cor.15:45**



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## **1. A miraculous beginning**

- While Adam was *made* in the image of God,
- Christ *is* 'the image of the invisible God'  
(Colossians 1:15) The virgin birth was miraculous event.



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## **2. Perfect, innocent, holy**

- **Adam was created a perfect man, in full possession of all human faculties, and with a God-consciousness which enabled him to have spiritual communion with God.**
- **The last Adam, Jesus, was also perfectly man, one with God (John 10:30; 17:21–22), innocent, sinless, and holy**



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### ***3. Humanity's head***

- **Adam was the head of the human race.**
- **Jesus is head of redeemed humanity.**





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## **4. Both givers of life**

- **The first Adam gave life to all his descendants.**
- **The last Adam, Jesus Christ, gives eternal life to those who receive Him and believe on His name, giving them ‘power to become the sons of God’**





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## **5. *Two rulers***

- **Adam, representing mankind, was given dominion over the created world (Genesis 1:26).**
- **After being raised from the dead, Jesus Christ was elevated to God's right hand, and given dominion over all things, which were 'put under his feet.'**



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## **6. A deep sleep produces a beautiful bride**

- God put Adam into a deep sleep, during which time God made Adam's bride, Eve, from Adam's side—a wound in Adam's side produced a bride!
- Thus a wound in the last Adam's side also produced a bride—the true Church!—‘a glorious bride, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing ... holy and without blemish



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## **7. A momentous testing**

- **At the beginning of Adam's life he underwent a period of testing as to whether or not he would obey God.**
- **At the beginning of the last Adam's ministry, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted**



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## **8. A great failure and a great victory**

- **The first Adam failed the test, and in doing so involved all humanity in his defeat, dragging the human race down with him.**
- **The last Adam, Jesus, was victorious over sin, the flesh, and the devil. As a result, in Christ, believers stand justified and redeemed.**



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## **9. Disobedience vs. obedience**

- **The first Adam disobeyed God unto death.**
- **The last Adam was ‘obedient unto death, even the death of the cross’ (Philippians 2:8)**





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## **10. Judgment and death**

- **The first Adam experienced the judgment of God —he ultimately died and his body turned to dust.**
- **The last Adam, Jesus Christ, also died—on the cross—to atone for sin But He did not stay dead, nor did His body ‘see corruption’. On the third day He rose again, thereby overcoming the devil and the power of death for all those who believe in Him.**



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## ***The Gospel!***

***The Good News of Christ's death burial and resurrection***

**For if, by the trespass of the one man  
(1<sup>st</sup> Adam), death reigned through that one  
man, how much more will those who receive  
God's abundant provision of grace and of the  
gift of righteousness reign in life through the  
one man, Jesus Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Adam)!**

**-Romans 5:17**