

## The Apostles' Creed: Second Article

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary...**

**I believe in Jesus**

**Christ,**

Jesus fulfilled all three ministries for which men were anointed in O. T. times:

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**his only Son,**

“Begotten of his Father before all worlds...begotten, not made...” Nicene Creed

“Begotten” in John’s phrase “only begotten” cannot signify an event in God’s past that is not also part of his present, since it is only for us creatures who live in time that momentary events exist. Time as we know it is part of creation, and its Maker is not subject to its limitations, any more that he is subject to the limitations of created space.

J. I. Packer

**our Lord,**

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

“The Son of God entered and left this world by acts of supernatural power.” J. I. Packer

His exit was by resurrection-plus-ascension: Isaiah 53:10-12

His entry was by virgin birth: Isaiah 7:14

Jesus was truly human, as well as fully divine: contra Docetism

Jesus was sinless:

Virgin-born

Resurrection

The N. T. emphasizes the sinlessness of Christ: John 8:29, 46; Rom. 5:18ff; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; I Peter 2:22-24...)

Mary was a virgin until after Jesus’ birth: Mark 3:31; 6:3

Mariology (Mary-doctrine) & Mariolatry: Mary-worship; which sees Mary as co-redeemer. This rests on the non-biblical teaching that Mary, like Jesus, was born without (the immaculate conception) and entered resurrection glory straight after death (the assumption).