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Luke 8:25

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His Birth Was Unique

- His birth was not the beginning of his existence.
 1. John testified that He outranked him, because He existed before him. John 1:15
 2. He claimed to have an existence before Abraham. John 8:56-58
 3. He said that he had “come down from heaven.” John 6:38, 51-58, 61-62
 4. He had “glory with God” before the world was. cf. Phil. 2:5-11; John 1:1-3; 1 John 1:1-2
 5. The worlds were made by Him; they are the work of His hands. Heb. 1:1-2, 10

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He was the only child born without a human father.

1. Conceived by the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:26-35
2. Before Mary and Joseph “came together” in physical union. Matthew 1:18-25
3. He was the only child of whom it could be claimed that he was more than a man. He called Himself the “Son of God” and the “Son of Man.” Both human and divine natures were fused into one personality.

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His death was the supreme purpose of His birth!

1. To all others, death is inevitable and unwelcomed. cf. Heb. 9:27
2. Christ’s death was deliberately chosen. Heb. 2:12-14; John 10:17-18

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His Claims and Assertions Were Unique.

- He claimed to be the only way of approach to God. John 14:6
 1. He claimed to be the “light of the world.” John 8:12
 2. He claimed to be the resurrection and the life.

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His Claims and Assertions Were Unique.

- He asserted that He was the full and final revelation of God, expressed in human life.
 1. If one had seen Christ, he had “seen the Father.” John 14:9
 2. Jesus “declared Him.” John 1:18; 8:38; Luke 10:22

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- He claimed, and demonstrated, power on earth to forgive sins. Mark 2:5-11
- His unique claims are found in his self-identifications in the first chapter of Revelation. Revelation 1:8,11,17-18

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His Character Was Unique.

- He never manifested any sense of personal sin.
 1. The best of men confess that they fail to attain their own ideals, let alone the divine standard for human conduct.
 2. Jesus invited the most searching scrutiny of His life. *"Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?" John 8:46*

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His Character Was Unique.

- He was sinless.
 1. 1 John 3:5; 1 Pet. 2:22; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15

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His Character Was Unique.

- No discrepancy between His life and His teachings.
 1. The penitent thief said, *"This man has done nothing amiss."* Luke 23:41
 2. Judas said, *"I have betrayed innocent blood."* Matthew 27:4
 3. Peter called Him ... Acts 3:14-15, *"But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted unto you, and killed the Prince of life; whom God raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses."*

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His Character Was Unique.

- No discrepancy between His life and His teachings.
- Even His enemies speak well of Him.
 1. The demon said, *"I know who You are; the Holy One of God!"* Luke 4:34
 2. Pilate's wife called Him *"a just man."* Mt. 27:19
 3. Pilate himself called Him a *"just person"* Mt. 27:24, in whom he could find *no cause of death.* Luke 23:22
 4. The centurion who executed Him said, *"Surely this man was a righteous man"* Luke 23:47, the *"Son of God"* Matthew 27:54

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His Character Was Unique.

- He had unique traits that are found in no other man.
 1. He never sought advice.
 2. He never withdrew a word He had spoken.
 3. He never confessed a personal sin.
 4. He never apologized for His conduct.

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His Death Was Unique.

- Unlike other men, His death was not inevitable. It is appointed unto men once to die. Hebrews 9:27
- 1. Death was a deliberate choice for Jesus. John 10:17-18
- 2. He humbled himself to become a man and to die on the cross. Philippians 2:5-10

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- His death was the only one to fulfill the prophecies. Consider Psalms 22
- Verse 1 – His cry, “My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?” cf. Mark 15:34
- Verses 7-8 – Ridicule and mockery. cf. Matthew 27:39-43
- Verse 16 – They pierced His hands and feet. cf. Matthew 27:35; John 20:25
- Verse 18 – They cast lots for His garments. cf. Matthew 27:35; John 19:24

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- Consider the prophecies of Isaiah 53.
- Verse 2-3 – Despised and rejected of men.
- Verses 4-6 – Wounded for our transgressions ... Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- Verse 7 – Oppressed, but did not complain.
- Verse 9 – Was with the rich in His death.

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His death was unique.

- Unlike others, He was raised to die no more.
- 1. Lazarus (John 11:38-43), the daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:41-42, 49-56), and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-16) were raised from the dead, but all died again. cf. Rev. 1:18
- 2. But He has the “Keys of Hades and Death” Rev. 1:18, and was raised to die no more.

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CONCLUSION:

- A. He is man’s only savior.
Matthew 1:21; Acts 4:12
- B. He left us a perfect example.
Hebrews 12; 1 Peter 2:22