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### BBC's attack on virgin birth of Christ



A typical image of Mary as perceived by the Roman Catholic church

The miraculous virgin birth of Christ, as recorded in the Bible, has come under attack in a BBC television programme about the virgin Mary. The “documentary” questions the Mary of popular Roman Catholic imagination but more importantly, the Bible's record of the birth of Christ. It portrays Mary as a poor and downtrodden girl, who might have conceived Jesus as a result of being raped by a Roman soldier.

This is, of course, no new blasphemy. It was offered in the 1950s as an alternative to the Bible's account by a leading American ecumenist, Dr. Nels Ferre.

However, before anyone should give this notion any serious consideration, let him first explain why, when the details of such an alleged attack would have been most widely known and when the enemies of Christ were at their most virulent — the apostolic age — no mention of it has ever been found in any contemporary Jewish history of that period! All the programme can do is refer to a second-century historian, who claimed Mary was raped by a Roman soldier. But the programme says this was likely to have been “a ploy to discredit the early Christian church.” That being so, why report it 1900 years later as a possible explanation for Christ's birth? Were this notion true, or indeed any of the other alternatives suggested by the enemies of the gospel, then the whole gospel story is reduced to a sham, with the disciples who promoted it party to a gigantic and wicked hoax.

Furthermore, if Jesus were born of such a union then He was born a sinner and was not the Son of God manifest in the flesh. Subsequently, He was not the spotless Lamb of God whose precious blood redeemed His elect (1 Peter 1:18-19).

#### **‘Biased Broadcasting Corporation’**

The BBC is once again guilty of a gross wickedness and open bias against the Word of God. If a whole boat-load of academics and historians were proposing that Mohammed, the founder of Islam, was the offspring of a rape, the BBC would never dare air their views. But it is a regular feature of the BBC to mount attacks upon Bible Christianity.

#### **Survey**

The programme coincides with a survey carried out by the “Sunday Telegraph”, which suggests that more than a quarter of Church of England clergy do not believe in the virgin birth. The paper asked the opinions of 500 clergymen and women, and 27% said they did not accept the traditional account.

The “documentary” says the image of Mary as a blue-eyed, blond-haired woman wearing expensive blue robes is probably wrong. In that they are correct. It is not difficult to knock



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down the Roman Catholic notion of Mary for it is a myth, far removed from what the Bible says of her. Because Rome's claims are obviously a sham does not mean that the Bible's account is equally fabulous!

The attack on Mary is but an attack upon Christ. It is He Who is chiefly slandered by this programme. But a day is coming when all such attacks will be accounted for. Jude referred to that day. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14-15). Happy will it be for those who have spoken of Christ as He truly is, as He is set forth in the answer to the question 22 of the Shorter Catechism. "How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?" Answer: "Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin."

The BBC may attack this truth but it will never destroy it.