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- 1) The mother of Jesus was the only virgin in the history of the world who conceived. A woman conceiving is normal; a virgin conceiving is miraculous (*Isa. 7:14*).
- 2) Jesus was the only person who existed before His conception. He was born in Bethlehem, and yet His “goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” (*Micah 5:2*).
- 3) John the Baptist made two statements that seem to be contradictory. He said that Jesus came after him, but he also said the Jesus was before him: “He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for He was before me” (*John 1:15*). Remarkably, both statements were true. John the Baptist was born about six months before the birth of Christ (*Luke 1:36*), so Jesus’ birth came a half-year later. Yet, Jesus was before John the Baptist because He was the eternal Son of God, ever in the bosom of the Father (*John 1:1,2,18*).
- 4) Jesus once made a statement that the Jews thought was so blasphemous that they picked up stones determined to execute Him. He said, “Before Abraham was, I am” (*John 8:58-59*). Jesus amazingly claimed to exist prior to Abraham who lived on earth two thousand years earlier! Actually, He could have said, “Before Adam was, I am” or “Before the world was created, I am” (*John 1:1*).

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