

The pharisees were not accusing Jesus of being born of fornication.

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Assertions/Conclusions of this article.

To briefly refute the error that Jesus is being accused of being born of fornication in John 8:41.

Supporting Evidence

1.0

This error itself is born mainly because those looking to prove an erroneous doctrine refuse to simply break open a red letter bible and also to see that the complete discussion does not show that Jesus is being accused of being born of harlotry.

If anything, it is Jesus who is levying the accusations against the pharisees who are stating that THEY were not born of fornication, which they believe Jesus is accusing them of.

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(39) They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father.

Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. (40) But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. (41) Ye do the deeds of your father.

Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. (42)

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

=We can see quite easily that it is our Lord Jesus who is levying the assault here by showing that if Abraham were actually their father, then they would not be doing as they are...they would accept Him.=

Notice the verse break at verse 41 ?

Some use this to pretend that the pharisees are stating what Jesus actually is there with "you do the deeds of your father". In this way they make it seem like the Pharisees have levied an accusation that Jesus was born of fornication. But we see that the context of that whole passage shows that Jesus has made reference more than once to 'your father', thus making them believe that He is accusing them of not being the children of Abraham...ie not legitimate children, but born of fornication.

Being as daft as they were, they miss that Jesus is speaking spiritually, not physically.

In verse 38 Jesus sets the tone between His Father and their father. The text is quite clear to show who is starting to speak, so it is quite easy to see that Jesus' statement ends there in verse 41 with 'ye do the deeds of your father'...and then the pharisees respond .

The pharisees never levy any accusation about Jesus not being born into a lawful marriage. Mary and Joseph were covenanted in marriage long before Jesus was born.

2.0

This next part I really don't want to even take the time to present because it is a result of biased minds reading into the text something that clearly isn't there, but it is necessary to dispel the matter entirely.

It would seem that there are some who do divide statements correctly, but these claim that the pharisees response to Jesus was some sort of sarcasm meant to imply that He was born of whoredom instead. There is little needed to show this idea as erroneous other than simply reading the text for what it SAYS without adding our own thoughts into it.

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Breaking it down into a play by play we have this.

8:37 - Jesus on the offensive

8:38 - Jesus remains on the offence.

8:39a - Pharisees defend

8:39b - Jesus on the offence

8:40 - Jesus on the offence still

8:41a - Jesus still on offence

8:41b - Pharisees defend again

8:42 - Jesus remains on the offence

Given that these men were feeling quite attacked about their lineage, there is no wonder why they were defending themselves.

There isn't a single reason in that text to buy that the Pharisees were accusing Jesus of being born of harlotry.

3.0

Verses that prove that the Jews at large DID believe Jesus to be Josephs son thus could NOT have believed that He was born of whoredom.

And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

(Joh 6:42 KJV)

And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

(Luk 3:23 KJV)

And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

(Luk 4:22 KJV)