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There is indeed a vast difference between these two concepts.

- The Incarnation has to do with the Son of God becoming the Son of man.
- The Immaculate Conception is the Roman Catholic doctrine which teaches that the virgin Mary was born free from inherited sin.

On December 8, 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaimed the following dogma:

“The most Holy Virgin Mary was, in the first moment of her conception . . . in view of the merits of Jesus Christ . . . preserved free from all stain of original sin.” The Catholic Church also teaches that in consequence of a Special Privilege of Grace from God, Mary was free from every personal sin during her whole life.

However, it can be quickly noted that the scriptures do *not* say, “*All we like sheep* (with the exception of Mary) *have gone astray . . .*” (Isa. 53:6), nor do they proclaim, “*there is none righteous* (apart from Mary), *no, not one*” (Rom. 3:10).