

Sunday, December 23 & 24, 2018

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Wonder



- Christmas truly is the most **wonderful** time of the **year**
- Wonder – **curious** speculation; to **doubt**; awe and **amazement**; **extraordinarily** good; to have an **expectation**
 - Every **facet** of the word wonder **exists** within the Christmas story
 - **Mary** – extraordinarily good

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:16-19

- Mary **pondered** all these things in her **heart**
 - Her **angelic** visit
 - Joseph's **encounter** with an **angel**
 - The **shepherds** story
 - The **prophetic** declarations

*For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.*

*And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,*

*Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.*

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV)

- **Wonderful** – (pele) – excellent; **marvelous**; extraordinary

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

- Could **Isaiah** really be talking about **me**
- Could this child really be **Immanuel**

Lost at the **Temple** (Luke 2:41-52)

Wedding of Cana (John 2:1-11)

The **Crucifixion** (Isaiah 53:3-6)

- This **child** is God in the **flesh** and He has come to **prove** His love for **all** of us.