Love Came Down

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• Christmas **reminds** us that God's love **<u>came</u>** to earth for us

1 John. 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

• Love came down to give us **peace**

Luke 1: 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

• This makes **<u>no sense</u>** at all but I **<u>trust</u>** you God

Luke 1: 39-45 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

- Mary was **leaving** home for a **reason**
- Joseph was ready to <u>divorce</u> her (Matt. 1:18-24)
- Elizabeth **prophetically** confirms Mary's **story**

Philippians 4:6-7 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Take **everything** to God in prayer
- His peace <u>transcends</u> understanding
- Keep praying **<u>until</u>** His peace shows up
- Our **greatest** peace is when we have peace with **<u>God</u>**

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

• He is the **<u>author</u>** of true peace

Romans 5:10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

• Our sins causes us to be **<u>enemies</u>** with God

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- Through **Jesus** we have peace with God
- Love came down to give us peace!