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## "For nothing will be impossible with God."



## **Our God is**

Immutable Omniscient Omnipresent Omnipotent Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.



# Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

### Matthew 19:26

#### The story of Christmas as told by the angel Gabriel:

The **impossible** God came to the **improbable** person to live an **incredible** gift for **imperfect** people like you and me. "Angel catalogs, angel seminars, angel pins, angel newsletters, angel websites, and angel sightings... it looks like the winged ones have left the cosmic backlot for the forefront of popular consciousness."

# Los Angeles Daily News

"Just beyond a thin veil at the edge of the physical world is another world far richer, far deeper, and far more inhabited. That world is filled with the hum of angels. At times, God pulls back the curtain for a moment, and we have a chance to observe that God's very presence is surrounded by thousands and thousands of angels."





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# 41% of adult Americans believe Jesus is the eternal son of God.

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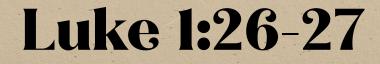


# Christmas Eyes

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...the angel Gabriel was **sent from God** to a city of **Galilee** named **Nazareth**, <sup>27</sup> to a **virgin** betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph.



And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

# Luke 1:28-38

<sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

# Luke 1:28-38

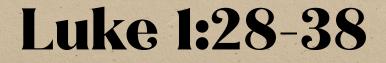
<sup>33</sup> "and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"



<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy-the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

# Luke 1:28-38

<sup>37</sup> "For nothing will be impossible with God."
<sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."
And the angel departed from her.



# Angels do and say what God says to do and say, and they point people to Jesus.

# Four beliefs angels have about Jesus

# 1) Jesus is our impossible Savior

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### Jesus (Greek, *lēsous*) = Joshua (Hebrew, Yeshua): "The God who Saves"

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.



# Four beliefs angels have about Jesus

# Jesus is our impossible Savior Jesus is our impossible Most High

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God; I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

### Isaiah 14:12-14

Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. **So he is first in everything**.

> **Colossians 1:18** (New Living Translation)

He will be great and will be called the Son of the **Most High**... <sup>35</sup> the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the **Most High will overshadow you**."

### Luke 1:32, 35

# "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise..."

## **Isaiah 42:8** (New Living Translation)

# Four beliefs angels have about Jesus

Jesus is our impossible Savior
Jesus is our impossible Most High
Jesus is our impossible
Eternal King

#### Kingdoms come and kingdoms go...

Mongol: 159 years Persian: 228 years **Ottoman: 600 years** Roman: 1,000 years **Byzantine: 1,100 years** Egyptian: 3,000 years

## "...and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



#### The World at War in 2023

Countries in which armed clashes between state forces and/or rebels were reported in 2023

## **32 Countries** presently at war



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### Fact

# 1.2 million children in Ukraine are displaced or are refugees.





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#### Four beliefs angels have about Jesus

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#### ... "How can this be...?"

#### Luke 1:34 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

#### ... "for nothing will be impossible with God."



#### And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be..."



