



# *The Baby that Changed Everything*

**Luke 1:26-38;  
Luke 2:4-20**

# 1. **Angels:** They remind us of why we, too, were created.

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*Luke 2:8–14*

<sup>8</sup> In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people:

<sup>11</sup> Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

<sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!

**2. Mary:** In the midst of uncertainty and confusion, you can trust God.

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*Luke 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering

what kind of greeting this could be.

<sup>30</sup> Then the angel told her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

A 3-step process that turned  
the improbable into the possible.

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- **Word of God**
- **Will of Personal Commitment**
- **Work of the Holy Spirit**

**3. Joseph:** He trusted God enough to let Him work in the lives of his loved ones.

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*Matthew 1:18–25*

<sup>20</sup> ...an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph got up from sleeping, he did as the Lord's angel had commanded him. He married her <sup>25</sup> but did not know her intimately until she gave birth to a son. And he named Him Jesus.



**4. Manger:** The manger reminds us of the harsh realities of life that Jesus faced when he entered this world.

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*Luke 2:7*

...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**5. Shepherds:** They remind us of the side of society that is often forgotten, but God remembers.

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*Luke 2:8–20*

*Verse 8:* And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

*Verse 20:* The shepherds **returned**, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

# 6. Jesus:

He is the reason for the season.

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## *Luke 1:31–33*

<sup>31</sup> Now listen: You [Mary] will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end.