

## **Christmas at the Movies**

### **Christmas Crazyiness**

Luke 1:26-38

*“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her & said, ‘Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!’ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, & tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb & bear a son, & you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great & will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, & he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, & of his kingdom there will be no end.’ And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’ And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, & the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, & this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ 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.”*

**Luke 1:26-38**

### **Main Idea: Jesus Steps Into our Christmas Crazyiness & Brings Peace to our World**

#### **I. Christmas is a Recipe for Crazyiness – vs. 26-33**

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive & bear a son, & shall call his name Immanuel.”* **Isaiah 7:14**

**Mary:** 1) Only 13-15 years old, 2) *Betrothed* to Joseph. Betrothals were legally binding & any sexual immorality would be considered adultery, punishable by death, 3) Everyone would assume adultery, 4) Joseph was embarrassed & her family was humiliated, but Mary knew she was innocent.

#### **II. Christmas Lets Me Respond to Crazyiness – vs. 34-38**

*“For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word.’”*

**Luke 1:37-38a**

*“And behold, you will conceive in your womb & bear a son, & you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great & will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, & he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, & of his kingdom there will be no end.”* **Luke 1:31-33**

### **The Birth We Celebrate at Christmas is No Ordinary Baby:**

- **He is Great**
- **He is the Son of God**
- **He is the King of Kings**
- **He is Eternal**

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; & the government shall be upon his shoulder & his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government & of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David & over his kingdom, to establish it & to uphold it with justice & with righteousness from this time forth & forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”* **Isaiah 9:6-7**

### **God wants to do something in you and around you this crazy Christmas season. Will you trust Him enough to surrender to it?**

#### **Sources and Further Reading Opportunities:**

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