

Fear Not

Luke 1:26-55



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Story of Mary: The Humble Bearer of God's love.

"In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.'

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end...'

Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.' And then the angel left her." Luke 1:26-38

God so loved the world... He sent his son John 3:16

"For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.. "So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God." Romans 5:5-8,11

The Genealogy of Jesus is part of the Christmas story to demonstrate....

- He Works Through Unexpected People

Genealogy of Jesus – Matthew 1:1-17

- He Redeems Sinful People & Actions

"As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12

- His Love and Plans are Inclusive

"Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." Romans 10:13

- He Brings Good from Messy Situations

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28

- He Fulfills His Promises Despite Our Unfaithfulness

"If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is." 2 Timothy 2:13

- He Invites & Includes the Humble in His Plans

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor." James 4:6,10