

“Three Miracles Of Christmas”
Luke 1:26-38
Christmas Eve @ 6:00 PM December 24, 2014

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Luke 1:4

The “True Christmas Story!” Was Birthed In The Miraculous!

1. Verses 26-33 – Miracle Of God Becoming Man

2. Verses 34-35 – Miracle Of The Virgin Birth

3. Verses 36-38 – Miracle Of Mary’s Great Faith

1. Verses 26-33 – Miracle Of God Becoming Man:

Luke 1:26

“Nazareth” – Was a very small town that was looked down upon by the Jews.

Luke 1:27 – “to a virgin” – The Bible emphasizes this because of the birth that is going to follow.

“engaged to a man” – Engagement: A contract is made between families. Betrothal: The couples signed a legal document that could only be broken by divorce; Lasted 1 year; Marriage Proper – ceremony.

“Joseph” – “To act or add”

Luke 1:28

“Hail, favored one!” – “unmerited, undeserved grace from God!”

Luke 1:29

Mary was clothed with humility: “But she was greatly troubled at this statement,”

“pondering” – “to take an inventory, to estimate, reason, reckon, suppose, think”; Mary had spiritual depth: She reflected and meditated which made her open to the Word and Work of God.

Psalm 119:78 – “But I shall meditate on Thy precepts.”

Luke 1:30-31

Jesus – “Salvation”: Comes from the Hebrew “Joshua”, which means “Jehovah saves” Or “Jehovah is salvation”.

Luke 1:32

Incarnation – Though the word itself does not appear in Scripture, its components (“in” and “flesh”) do.

John 1:14 – “the Word became flesh”; 1 John 4:2 – “Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;”

Isaiah 9:6

Isaiah foretold the union of Deity and Humanity in Jesus: “child would be born” (a reference to humanity).

His Deity, “Mighty God” means “The Hero God”. Thus the phrase means a hero whose chief characteristic is that He is God.

Isaiah 7:14 – “Immanuel” means more than God’s presence with His people in His dealings. It means “the very presence of the virgin-born Child brings God to His people.”

Romans 6:23

John 3:16

“and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;” – 2 Samuel 7:8-16 – the Davidic Covenant. The Jews understood this to be the Messiah.

Luke 1:33

The Miracle of God becoming man so He could be the perfect sacrifice for our sins!

2. Verses 34-35 – Miracle Of The Virgin Birth:

Luke 1:34 – “How can this be since I have not known a man sexually?”

Mary’s question was not one of unbelief like Zechariah’s (Luke 1:20). Mary’s question was biological: How is pregnancy possible when you are a virgin?

Isaiah 7:14

Luke 1:35

“Overshadow” – The word “Describes God’s presence in the sanctuary”; speaks of a conscience experience.

Why is the virgin birth so important? Because if Mary conceived of a man, then Jesus is not God but a man, and if He is a man, we cannot be forgiven of our sins because only God can forgive.

“for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.” – Son Of God And The Son Of Man.

The Virgin Birth is important because The Miracle of The Virgin Birth proves Jesus was divine. It sets the time of the incarnation!

3. Verses 36-38 – Miracle Of Mary’s Great Faith:

Luke 1:36-37

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” – Literally “For not impossible will be every word with God.”

Genesis 18:14 – “Is anything too difficult for the LORD?”

Luke 1:38

Mary Surrendered In Submission To God: “Mary said, ‘Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word.’”

Reformer Martin Luther said, “The Virgin Birth is a mere trifle for God; that God should become man is a greater miracle; but most amazing of all is that this maiden should believe the announcement.”

Mary teaches us submission without which we will never experience Jesus and His ongoing power.

If Christmas does not result in changing our daily lives, we have not come to know the true meaning of Christmas!

Isaiah 9:6

How Can I Come To Know The Christ Of Christmas?

- 1. Confess That I Am A Sinner – Romans 3:23**
- 2. Receive The Message of Christmas –** The Depth Of Human Sin Was So Great That God Intervened Through The Sending Of His Only Son Jesus, To Die For Us So That We Could Be Made Right Before God.
- 3. Repent –** (Turn From My Sins) And Believe In Jesus Christ (Death, Burial And Resurrection) I Will Receive The Greatest Gift Of All, Jesus Our Salvation.