

IT'S A SEASON OF MIRACLES

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

❖ What Did Mary Know?

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² 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, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

1. She was BETROTHED to Joseph and soon to be married.
2. She was FAITHFUL to her future husband, and she was a VIRGIN.
3. There was a BIG ANGEL in her room.
4. She was FAVORED by God and He was WITH HER.
5. She was about to be PREGNANT with a miracle CHILD.
6. This child was going to be the SON of GOD, the promised MESSIAH.
 - He will be great.
 - He will be Son of the Most High.
 - He will sit on David's throne.
 - He will reign forever.
7. She was willing to accept God's WILL and trust Him COMPLETELY.
 - Mary knew what the angel told her... she would be the mom of the Messiah.

❖ What Did Joseph Know?

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

1. He was supposed to marry a young woman named MARY.
 2. That Mary was PREGNANT, and he knew the child WASN'T HIS.
 3. He was a RIGHTEOUS man and chose GRACE over punishment.
 4. He LOVED Mary and was PATIENT in making this decision.
 5. He also met an ANGEL who told Him to take Mary as his WIFE.
 6. His boy was to be the MESSIAH, the SAVIOR of the WORLD.
 7. This child fulfilled PROPHECY and that He is the IMMANUEL.
- Joseph knew what the angel had told him... that he was to be the Father of the Messiah.

❖ What Do You Know?

1. Jesus was born because you needed a SAVIOR.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you..."

Luke 2:11 (NIV)

2. Jesus is the CHRIST and was born to be your LORD.

"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mark 8:29 (NIV)

3. Jesus is IMMANUEL... He is God with us forever.

Jesus replied, "Philip... anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!"

John 14:9 (NLT)