

**Here's the principal:** *No one gives up thrones without a fight.*

The message of this story is not that there was no room in the inn. The message of this story is that Jesus will enter wherever He's invited.

**For the seekers of God:**

"Keep on asking. You'll be given what you ask for. If keep on looking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7

**They ran** to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16

The shepherds went back to their fields and flocks, glorifying and praising God for what the angels had told them, and because they had seen the child, just as the angel had said.

Luke 2:20

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. 18 All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished,

Luke 2:17,18

He is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before God made anything at all and is supreme over all creation... Everything has been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He existed before everything else began, and he holds all creation together.

Colossians 1:15-17

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## The Amazing Jesus

**The Incarnation:** is a central Christian doctrine that God became flesh, assumed a human nature, and became a man in the form of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the second person of the Trinity.

The Apostle Paul put it this way:

Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5-7

Theologian J.I. Packer has said: "Here are two mysteries for the price of one--the plurality of persons within the unity of God, and the union of Godhead and manhood in the person of Jesus. ...Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as is this truth of the Incarnation,"

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. <sup>28</sup> Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Luke 1:26,27

Greetings- In the Latin is *Ava Maria*.

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. <sup>30</sup> "Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to bless you! You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Luke 1:29-33

<sup>34</sup> Mary asked the angel, "But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin." <sup>35</sup> "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby born to you will be holy,(set apart) and he will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's already in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:34-37

### 1. God is looking for your \_\_\_\_\_.

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever he wants. May everything you have said come true." And then the angel left. Luke 1:38

God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men who had had no special training. Acts 4:13

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother **Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph**, ... Matthew 1:18a

**...but before they came together**, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind **to divorce her** quietly. Matthew 1:18b-19

While **Joseph was thinking about this**, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. <sup>21</sup> Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20,21

After Joseph woke up, **he and Mary were soon married**, just as the Lord's angel had told him to do. <sup>25</sup> But **they did not sleep together** before her baby was born. Then **Joseph named him Jesus**. Matthew 1:24,25

## 2. God is looking for people who trust him with the

\_\_\_\_\_ of life.

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.... <sup>3</sup> All returned to their own towns to register for this census. Luke 2:1,3

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past. Micah 5:2

We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him. They are the ones God has chosen for his purpose, <sup>29</sup> and he has always known who his chosen ones would be. He had decided to let them become like his own Son, Romans 8:28,29

### 3. We have to consciously \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.

"And she laid Him in the manger because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

### Why is there no room at your inn?

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Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. ...<sup>7</sup> Then Herod sent a private message to the wise men, asking them to come see him. At this meeting he learned the exact time when they first saw the star. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" ...<sup>12</sup> But when it was time to leave, they (the Wise Men) went home another way, because God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. ...<sup>16</sup> Herod was furious when he learned that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, ... Matthew 2:1,7,8,12,16