A MARY CHRISTMAS

Luke 1:26-35 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name *was* Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. 29 And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God

Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you

# Merry Christmas

## Perversion of the Season

### Debt

#### People spend more than they can afford trying to buy Christmas Happiness

### Crime

#### People know they can’t afford it, so they try to steal Christmas Happiness

### Stress

#### People stress out about making sure that everyone else is happy at Christmas

### Depression

#### Then they realize that they are not happy

### Suicide

#### If I can’t be happy at Christmas time, then will I ever be happy again?

# Old Testament Prophecy

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel

## Isaiah

### Prophesied about the Messiah

#### Born of a virgin

#### Born to take away sins

#### Born to be our sacrifice

## The Name of Jesus

### Immanuel

#### Literally means God with us

### Jesus - Yeshua

#### Means Jehovah has become our salvation

#### Jesus was the promised Messiah

#### He was God with us

#### He was God becoming our salvation

# The Announcement

## The angel

### Was sent from God

### Unto a region - Galilee, unto a city - Nazareth, unto a person – Mary

#### God can deal with nations, states, towns, or individuals

#### God always knows right where we are

## The message

### Assurance – Fear not

### Promise – You will have a son

### Command – Call His name Jesus

### Prophecy – of His kingdom there shall be no end

# Mary’s Response

## Yes Lord

## Reproach

### Mary has done nothing wrong

### Yet the town will talk about her

#### She will be mocked and scorned

#### Her child will not be accepted on His own

##### Old Testament law forbids that an illegitimate child can be part of the covenant relationship that the Jews had with God.

### Her own fiancée would not accept her.

#### But she said Yes Lord

## Joseph

### Much like his namesake was a dreamer

#### Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife.

#### Jesus came to fulfill the Law.

##### He must be accepted as a Jew into the covenant.

##### Acknowledged that He is of the lineage of King David

# Mary’s Christmas

## Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Ghost

### This created the miracle inside of her

## Mary carried her miracle

### She had to see a doctor

#### Regular check-ups on the miracle

### She had to dress a certain way

#### It’s easy to spot someone who is pregnant

#### Eventually everyone knows

### She had to be careful what she ate and drank

#### What she ate and drank, the baby ate and drank as well

### She had to be careful where she went

#### Some activities could not be participated in anymore

#### Because of the Miracle

## After carrying the miracle – she delivered it to the World

### There was some pain

### There was some hardship

### But she never gave up on the miracle.

# Christmas today

## Should be about the miracle

## Be overshadowed by the Holy Ghost

### Let God’s presence come into your heart and soul

## Regular Check-ups

### At church, in prayer – because of the Miracle

## Dressing a certain way

### People that are pregnant with the miracle of God can be easily spotted

### If someone claimed to be pregnant but never had to change their wardrobe, you would wonder if they really were.

## Careful what you allow in

### What you take into your heart will affect your miracle

## Careful what activities you participate in

### What you do, will affect your miracle as well.

## Delivered to the World

### A miracle must come out of you to those around you

### The miracle of salvation

### The miracle of healing

### The miracle of God’s love

# Closing

## The miracle came 2000 years ago

### It was not a loud flashy affair for most people that day.

### But for some it changed their lives forever

### Are you carrying a miracle?

#### Have you been overshadowed by the Holy Ghost?

#### Are you taking care of your miracle?

#### Are you willing to deliver it to the world?

##### There might be hardship

##### There might be sacrifice

##### There might be pain, but this world needs the Miracle.

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