

Act 2 -- What?

Luke 1:29 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?"

In this Series, We Will Learn That . . .

1. The events _____ the Christmas story are critical to _____ and appreciating Christmas.
2. Jesus must be the _____ of Christmas for us to celebrate properly.

Mary's Concern

1. Mary was _____. (*diatarassō* -- to trouble or agitate greatly).

Luke 1:29 and she, having seen, was troubled at his word, and was reasoning of what kind this salutation may be. (Young's)

2. She was " _____ " as to what would happen next.

What kind of greeting?

Angels, in the Old Testament, had shown up to:

3. Gabriel told her not to be _____ because she was in God's _____. (Note: this doesn't mean that she had a _____ relationship with God.)

Luke 1:25 "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

God's Message through Gabriel

1. Mary would be _____.

Luke 1:31 You will be with child . . .

2. She would _____ the baby to _____-term.

Luke 1:31 You will be with child and give birth . . .

3. The _____ would be a _____.

Luke 1:31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, . . .

4. The baby's _____ needed to be _____ (Yeshua; ישוע, -- salvation).

Luke 1:31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

5. This baby would be _____.

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. . . .