

IF THE BIRTH OF JESUS WAS NOT DIFFERENT...

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In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregi	nancy, God sent the angel Gabriel t	o Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to
a virgin named Mary. She was engaged	d to be married to a man named Jo	seph, a descendant of King David.
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Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" Luke 1:26-33 NLT

Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! Luke 1:46-47 NLT

2. WE ARE _____ A ____.

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail" Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her. Luke 1:34-38 NLT

You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said. Luke 1:45 NLT

3. WE HAVE ___

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us." Matthew 1:20-23 NLT

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

SO WHAT?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What's your Favorite Christmas Memory?
- 2. What was the Strangest or Most Unique Christmas you ever experienced?
- 3. Do you have a hard time believing the Virgin Birth? Why or Why not?
- 4. Why is the Virgin Birth of Jesus vital to Christianity?
- 5. What was the thing that impacted you the most from this message?
- 6. How does the Truth of the Virgin Birth change the way you will celebrate this Christmas?