



What Makes Christmas So Special?

(Luke 1:26-45)

Getting Ready for Christmas, No. 2



**The way to get ready
for Christmas
is to turn your heart toward God.**

Turning Our Hearts Toward God

- 1. Put worship at the top of your “to do” list.**
- 2. Reopen the gift of God’s grace.**
- 3. Ask God again for the “impossible.”**



Luke 1:26-27 (NIV)

**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.**

Luke 1:28-29 (NIV)

**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.**

Luke 1:30-31 (NIV)

**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.**

Luke 1:32-33 (NIV)

**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.”**

PLEASE
WELCOME

our

BRAND - NEW
MINIATURE
HUMAN
JACKSON CALEB

born

NOVEMBER **29**
two-thousand fifteen
8 POUNDS 4 OUNCES • 17 INCHES



STACEY & MARK SANDERS



Birth Announcement

(Luke 1:31-33)

- **Name: Jesus**
- **Prognosis: Great**
- **Parentage: Son of the Most High**
- **Position: Sit on the Throne of David**
- **Prognosis: Eternal Reign**



"KING OF KINGS"
GODSAY TO US
LORD OF HEAVEN
AND EARTH
THOU WHO HAST
CONQUERED ALL THINGS
AND HAST
CONQUERED DEATH
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A GREAT DAY
HAS BEEN LIVED
The Story of CHRIST'S
Resurrection



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3.










Luke 1:34 (NIV)

**“How will this be,”
Mary asked the angel,
“since I am a virgin?”**



Luke 1:35 (NIV)

**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.**

Luke 1:36-37 (NIV)

**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.”

Luke 1:38 (NIV)

**“I am the Lord’s servant,”
Mary answered.**

**“May it be to me as you have said.”
Then the angel left her.**

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Et in Spiritum sanctum



Handwritten musical score on aged paper, featuring multiple staves of music. The notation includes notes, rests, and clefs. The paper is yellowed and has some staining. The score is written in a cursive, historical style.



Johann Sebastian Bach

- **JJ = *Jesu Juva* = “Help me, Jesus”**
- **SDG = *Soli Deo Gloria* = “to God alone, the glory”**



Luke 1:39-40 (NIV)

**At that time Mary got ready
and hurried to a town
in the hill country of Judea,
⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home
and greeted Elizabeth.**

Luke 1:41 (NIV)

**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the baby leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**



Luke 1:42-43 (NIV)

**In a loud voice she exclaimed:
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the child
you will bear!**

**43 But why am I so favored,
that the mother of my Lord
should come to me?**

Luke 1:44-45 (NIV)

**As soon as the sound of your greeting
reached my ears,
the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed
that what the Lord has said to her
will be accomplished!”**

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- 2. it infuses us with spiritual strength.**
- 3. it inspires hope.**

How Do I Make Christmas Special?

