

## Deciphering Christmas Mysteries – Part I – Luke 1:26-35

### FBC Nacogdoches – Sunday, December 11, 2022 – A.M. Message

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#### Family Discussion Questions

- *Why would the holy, righteous, eternal, and all-powerful God bother to come to rescue sinful, rebellious, mortal people?*
- *Why would the eternal Son of God come as a weak, helpless, vulnerable baby?*
- *Why would God the Son come to earth as a man in such a way that he couldn't speak, take care of himself, protect himself, or engage in any kind of ministry or messaging for years?*
- *Why would the pre-existent Christ be physically gestated by and then born through an ordinary, earthly creature?*
- *Why would the Christ come into the world in such a way that he was totally dependent on a peasant woman to protect and nourish him?*
- *Why was Jesus born to such an unremarkable, impoverished, vulnerable young unmarried woman such as Mary?*
- *Why was it important that Mary was a virgin, and that the conception did not involve a man?*
- *Why did the Holy Spirit have to "overshadow" Mary to facilitate Jesus's coming?*
- *Why was the Son of God born in the tiny, backwoods, roughneck town of Bethlehem?*
- *Why was it allowed that Jesus was born into a situation where Mary was traveling, no pre-arrangements or planning had been made, and no reasonable accommodations were available?*
- *If God was doing and would do all of these other miracles, why wouldn't God make there be enough room in the inn?*
- *God sent messengers to Mary and Joseph to explain what was happening. Why didn't God send messages to others including Mary and Joseph's families so that they could have aided and supported Mary during her pregnancy and childbirth and provided protection from those trying to kill the baby?*
- *Why was Jesus born into such a situation that was so unsafe that almost immediately his parents had to flee for their lives?*
- *Of all the people who could have received the heavenly and angelic notification of the birth of the Messiah, why did God choose a bunch of dirty, stinky, uneducated farmhands who had no influence or standing in the community?*
- *Why did the wise men travel so far and risk so much to visit a baby and give him very expensive yet useless gifts when they didn't seem to expect or receive any benefit for their efforts?*

#### Christmas Mysteries Deciphered

I. God \_\_\_\_\_ (loves) us!

II. God's strength and provision become evident in our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.