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THE ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF MAN

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The gospel of God is nothing new to the ears of man. From the very beginning the Lord had made known to the human race that there was a plan in action to remedy man's sinful condition. this plan would involve the ages, it would reach the world, it would be exclusively based upon the Attributes of God Himself. His love for you would be expressed, His holiness would be honored, His judgment appeased, and His righteousness communicated, all this accomplished by the work of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through the obedience of His Son - Jesus Christ!

The Gospel of God is what is Promised in The Old Testament,
But It's Performance is Found in the New Testament.

What is Promised in the Old, Is Performed in the New

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

Prior to the birth of Jesus Christ and for thousands of Years

Israel had been waiting for a distant prophecy to be fulfilled. in fact it was, and still is today the oldest prophetic, futuristic doctrine of the Bible, that doctrinal teaching was and is, that God would save mankind from its sins and offer man the hope of eternal life !

**The Biblical Account of this Promise, This Future Event
is Introduced by God Himself in Genesis**

Genesis 3:1-9,14-15

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" :2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; :3 but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " :4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. :5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." :6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. :7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. :8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. :9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"....

Genesis 3:14-15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You *are* cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. :15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Ephesians 2:1-7

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, :2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience :3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. :4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, :5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), :6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, :7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

WHEN GOD'S AT WORK...

I.) *He designs a blessing*

v.26-38

a.) *in unexpected ways*

v.26-28a

Luke 1:26-28a

Now in the sixth month the angel **Gabriel** was sent by God to a **city of Galilee** named **Nazareth**, :27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was **Joseph, of the house of David**. The virgin's name was **Mary**. :28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "**Rejoice**,

Doctor Luke, like any good physician is careful to record the timing of these things and to the places.

Verse 26

a city in Galilee, the North of Israel

Why Would This Be Important?
The County and City Limits of These Places Were Offensive
to the Jewish Mind - *why?*

*because of the paganism that was there.
because of the ignorance that was there.
because of the stigma of the region.*

In The Jewish Mind Then, The Galilee was an Area
Given Over to the Gentiles

*This Coming of the Angel Gabriel to This Area had to Have Been a Mistake
Because Judea was The Region Where God Does His Work, -
everybody knew this!*

*And His Appearing in Nazareth - No Respectable Angel would appear
in Nazareth - he could get his halo dirty !!!*

Galilee was "No-Man's-Land"
and
Nazareth was a "No-Where Town"

So Despised Was This Region and Town...

John 1:46

When the good Jewish man Philip had called for his brother to consider Jesus, Nathanael piped up and said,
"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Isaiah 9:1-2

Nevertheless the gloom *will not be* upon her who *is* distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. **:2** The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

Matthew Levi 4:14-17

this is that which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: **:15** *"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: :16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."* **:17** From that time Jesus began to preach

in unexpected ways

Verse 27-28a

...to a virgin betrothed (engaged) to a man whose name was **Joseph, of the house of David**. The virgin's name was **Mary**. **:28** And having come in, the angel said to her, "**Rejoice,**"

Kent Hughes Writes;

"before this grand announcement, Mary was a nobody, in a nothing town, in the middle of nowhere"

Martin Luther Wrote:

"Mary was a poor woman, humbled by poverty, and just existing in a mean town

Verse 27

betrothed (engaged) to a man whose name was **Joseph, of the house of David**

here we have Joseph, from the direct line of David.
related to Israel's Greatest King, King David

had Joseph lived in the time of David,
royalty would have been his. wealth and power would have been his inheritance.

but the years had taken Israel far away from God,
Joseph was a "Type" of the Nation

He Had Been Promised Greatness,
but had been living as a humble carpenter, Rather than a Prince.

The Things We Miss, and Miss Out On
all because we walk without God in our lives

Church, my greatest fear
is that I might miss out on what God has for me.
I often stop and check my spiritual GPS against what the bible says...

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. **Test** yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you are **disqualified**.

Examine *peiraζ ZW peirazo, pi-rad'-zo*

to scrutinize, to put thru the steps, to pour acid upon, to confirm the reality of...

Test *dokimaζ ZW dokimazo, dok-im-ad'-zo*

judge yourself, discern what you are, dissect

Disqualified *ajdo/kimoß adokimos, ad-ok'-ee-mos*

to be untrue, someone false , unapproved, unauthorized, a castaway.

in unexpected ways

Verse 28

...to a virgin betrothed (engaged) to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. :28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "**Rejoice**,"

this is an angelic order

"Rejoice"

"Rejoice" *cai+rW chairo, khah'-ee-ro;*

to be "cheer"filled, to be glad, to be joy-filled. having a reason to rejoice!

When God's at work, He designs a blessing

b.) with a personal meaning

v. 28b-30

:28b rejoice **highly favored** (grace bestowed) *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" :29 But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and **considered** what manner of greeting this was. :30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found **favor** with God.

Mary is not doubting the angel, she's aware of her need...

"but I am poor and I have nothing of worldly value.

I am young and simple - anything but cosmopolitan."

yeah there are stories about my great ancestors,
they lived in places and served in the temple of God so long ago.

the virtues of Mary were that she was of the House of David as well,

1. **she was a virgin**
2. **she had faith in God**
3. **she was submissive to the Will of God**

Verse 29

she **considered** what manner of greeting this was

...she **meditated** upon the statement.

it's been well said that meditation is not a psychological trick,
but a theological grace"

"meditation" says Noah Webster

is the willful clearing of the mind of common thoughts and concerns
so that the mind is localized upon just one thing, - to aid in mental and spiritual development.

he said it is the act of thinking about something deeply and carefully!

In The Old Testament we Have the Word = "Selah" **hDIRs** *çelah, seh´-law;* suspension, of sound, of voice, of music. a dedicated pause.

Psalm 3:8

Salvation *belongs* to the LORD. Your blessing *is* upon Your people. - Selah
(think long and deep about this truth)

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

When God's at work, He designs a blessing

c.) with great attention to detail

v. 31-38

:31 And behold, **#1** - you will conceive **in your womb** (unique) and **#2** - bring forth a Son, and **#3** - shall call His name **JESUS**. :32 **#4** - He will be great (**megas**), and **#5** - will be **called the Son of the Highest**; and **#6** - the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. :33 And **#7** - He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and **#8** - of His kingdom there will be no end."

#1 - His conception would not be of human means

#2 - His gender was determined by God

#3 - His name had to be Jesus

#4 - He would be Unique

#5 - He would be Begotten of God

#6 - He is destined for the Throne

#7 - He is a king

#8 - He is a King forever!

#3 - His name had to be Jesus

JESUS Ἰησοῦς *Iesous, ee-ay-sooce´;* comes from the Hebrew origin "Yeshua" (H3091); which is the Greek for Jesus.

"Yeh oshua", Yah is God's name, and Oshua is my salvation

Ao...vwøh **Yhowshuwa**, *yeh-ho-shoo´-ah;* or

o"vwøh **Yhowshua**, *yeh-ho-shoo´-ah;* Yhwh-Saves

Yeshua means "Salvation"
Yehoshua means "Yah is my salvation"

Matthew 1:21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **JESUS**, for He will save His people from their sins."

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name **Immanuel**.

Immanuel {Immanuw}el, im-maw-noo-ale´ God is with us, God dwells among us.

John 1:1-3,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. :2 He was in the beginning with God. :3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.... :14 And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, (The Immanuel)** and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

1 John 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— :2 the life was manifested, **(The Immanuel)** and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— **(The Immanuel)**

John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. **(The Immanuel)**

1 John 5:20

And we know that The Son of God has come **(The Immanuel)** and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is The true God and eternal life.

Verse 34-35

:34 Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” (what is the biology of this?)
:35 And the angel answered and said to her, #1 - “*The Holy Spirit will **overshadow** you, and #2 - the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be **called the Son of God**.*

overshadow

is a term synonymous with the Holy of Holies in the Temple.
where the Glory of God Overshadowed (hovered above) the Mercy

ejpiskia ; ZW episkiazo, *ep-ee-skee-ad´-zo*; from 1909 the casting of a shadow, in this case the shining of light. to envelop in a haze of brilliancy; figuratively, to invest with preternatural influence: — overshadow.

Hebrews 1:5

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

what do we have here in scripture?

the greatest news that mankind could ever hear!

That God Would... care enough
That God Would... be willing to
That God Would... keep His promise
That God Would... pay the price
That God Would... love you so very much

Verse 35

He will be called "**The Son of God**"

The Concept of the Messiah Coming to Save Us from Our Sins
as our personal sacrifice is historic in scripture. - The Son of God is Everywhere in Scripture...

Psalms 2:12 Kiss the Son, Proverbs 30:4 The LORD has a Son

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. :7 Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 7:13

Then he said, "Hear now, **O house of David!** *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?"

Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and **the Offspring of David**, the Bright and Morning Star.

with great attention to detail

Verse 36-38

:36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. :37 **For with God nothing will be impossible.** :38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

WHEN GOD'S AT WORK...

II.) *He touches our lives*

v.39-58

a.) *at our very core*

v.39-45

:39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into **the hill country** with haste, to **a city of Judah**, :40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. :41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that **the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.** :42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! :43 But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? :44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe **leaped** in my womb for joy. :45 Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

notice:

John responds before Elizabeth has the chance to

not a movement, or a sensation but a leaping,
grk = an upward vault, to spring upward for joy

30 Years later John the Baptist would speak of Jesus Christ and say

John 3:29

He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom (John), who stands and hears him, **rejoices greatly** because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore **this joy of mine is fulfilled.**

John the Baptist is Saying;

"This Joy has Been Mine and it Continues on and on and on"

at our very core...

I Wonder if Joy is even Known in Our Culture, in Our Age?

When God's at work, He touches our lives

b.) in our innermost being

v. 46-55

:46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, **:47** And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. **:48** For He has **regarded** the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. **:49** For #1 - He who is mighty has done great things for me, And #2 - holy *is* His name. **:50** And #3 - His mercy *is* on those who fear Him From generation to generation. **:51** #4 - He has shown strength with His arm; #5 - He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts. **:52** #6 - He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones, And #7 - exalted *the* lowly. **:53** #8 - He has filled *the* hungry with good things, And #9 - *the* rich He has sent away empty. **:54** He #10 - has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of *His* mercy, **:55** As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

Matthew 10:39

He who finds his life will lose it,
and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 8:22

But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.

in her *magnify-cant*

Mary Confirms what Gabriel had Said;

":47 And my spirit (my deepest being) has **rejoiced**
(why Mary?) **in God my Savior."**

**She was "Favored" in Verse 28
In Need of God's Grace - Unearnable Favor, She was Declared "Favorite"**

Just Like You and I...

we have been declared to be God's 'Favorite' or Favored Among Others

i.e. - John 13:23

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus **loved**.

When God's at work, He touches our lives

c.) with the most wonderful results

v.56-58

:56 And Mary remained with her (Elizabeth) about three months, and returned to her house. **:57** Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. **:58** When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they **rejoiced** with her.

"they rejoiced with her" (*implying, they believed also*)

**When Almighty God is "Let In" to Our Lives
and He's Given Permission to Our Lord,
Then Every Thing Changes**

John 4:14

but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

But How Can I Have This Happen for Me?

...end