



The Christmas Story
Part Two: A Crisis of Angels & Taxes
By Louie Marsh, 12-8-2019

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²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1:28-33 (ESV)

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also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:35-37 (ESV)

3) I must _____ what God says and act on it.

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¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. Luke 2:1-3 (ESV)

5) Don't expect things to be _____ just because I'm serving God.

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