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Wonder is ...

The joyful reception of God's revelation with a heart towards obedience.

Advent series: Prophecies & Dreams of Messiah

Wonder

Mystery

I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:1,2

No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:7

"Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! **Clear the road for him!"** This messenger was John the Baptist."

Mark 1:2-4

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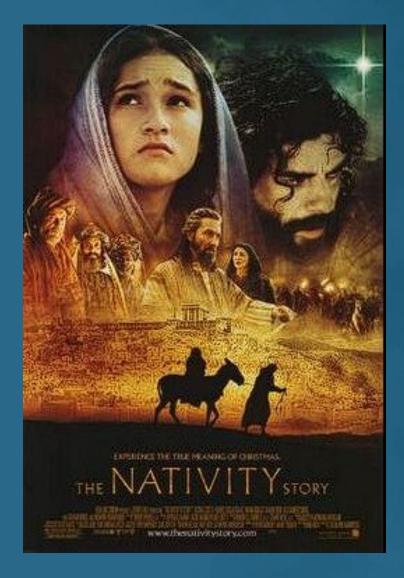
Mystery

hidden in

Prophecy

revealed in

History







CHRISTMAS WITH THE MESSENGERS.

THE MESSENCERS



This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18

Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

Matthew 1:19

"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."

Matthew 1:20,21

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."



When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.



Joseph displayed wonder ...

The joyful reception of God's revelation with a heart towards obedience.



• Humble ourselves before the mystery of Scripture

Respond with wonder at the revelation of truth.

 Respond with quick obedience when you understand what He is saying to you.