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The Messiah is born

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- God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a small village in the region of Galilee, to speak to Mary. At the time Mary was betrothed to Joseph as they were planning to get married.
- The amazing thing is that God went before Mary to Joseph in a dream, and prepared His heart so that he would know that his wife to be was a faithful woman of virtue; and that he too had an important role to play in fulfilling God's amazing plan for His Son Jesus to come to earth.
- Gabriel explained to Mary that she had found favour in God's sight, and that she would become pregnant with a son, and that she should name Him Jesus.
- Mary was a virgin and not married yet; thus she questioned how all this would be possible. Gabriel explained that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and that God would do the miracle of putting a baby inside her womb.
- Mary willingly accepted all that Gabriel told her. She said to the angel that she was God's servant and that God's will should be done as such.
- When Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, was six months pregnant with her son, John the Baptist, she received a visit from Mary. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she spoke and confirmed that the child Mary was carrying was the Lord.
- Mary was a wonderful mother to Jesus, and she truly supported His ministry and God's calling on His life. It was Mary who boldly told Jesus at a wedding that they had run out of wine, knowing full well that Jesus could miraculously solve the problem.

You can read more about Mary's story in the Bible, in Luke chapter 1, in John chapters 2 and 19:25-27.



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And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and 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." - Luke 1:35 (NKJV)

God's Hand in Mary's Life

- Mary was faithful and obedient to God. The Word of God describes Mary as being highly favoured by the Lord. God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus because He knew that He could trust her.
- God always kept Jesus and His parents safe. After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, an angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream, and told him to flee to Egypt in order to escape the murderous hands of King Herod.
- God was gentle with Mary's heart, by giving her another son when Jesus was about to die on the cross. Losing a child is such a painful experience. What made this more special, is that Jesus Himself told His mother and John that they would be mother and son. John graciously took Mary into his home from that day on.

God is a good Father. So, you are loved by Him! Jesus wants to be your Saviour. He also wants to be your Healer. God can forgive, restore, and help you. So, if you make Jesus the Lord of your life, good things will come from your hurt and pain. Say this prayer for your Salvation:

Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Please forgive me for my sins, as I believe Jesus died for me on the cross. Father, thank You for raising up Jesus from the dead. Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart, and to be the Lord of my life today. In the Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

(For reference read Romans 10:9 & 10)

A prayer for your healing:
Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I need Your healing hand in my life. Holy Spirit, you know my story. Please come and touch me today. I receive Your healing to restore my soul.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank You.
Amen.

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