

Rediscover Christmas
The Angels Told Of His Greatness
Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:8-12

Introduction: Angels Aware

- We can lose meaning of Christmas by mythologizing it
- We can lose the meaning of Christmas by secularizing it

Note: While most of the people mentioned in the biblical records of the birth of Jesus weren't aware of what was happening, there was a part of the created order who were—the angels.

Mary's Angel (Luke 1:26-38)

The Angel: Gabriel

The Announcements: Gabriel tells Mary...

- She will have a baby
- Her son will be great
- Her son will be given the throne of David
- Her son will rule over Israel forever
- Her son will be the Son of the Most High—the Son of God

The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35 NLT)

Communion: the Bread—The Body of Christ

Joseph's Angel (Matthew 1:18-25)

The Angel: Unidentified

The Announcements: The angel tells Joseph...

- The baby is conceived by the Holy Spirit
- The baby will be a boy
- The baby is to be named Jesus
- The baby will be Immanuel—God With Us

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." 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.'" (Matthew 1:20-23 NLT)

Communion: The Cup—The Blood of Christ

The Shepherds' Angel (Luke 2:8-12)

The Angel: Unidentified

The Announcements: The angel tells the shepherds...

- The time of the birth
- The place of the birth
- How to identify Jesus
- Jesus is God

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11 NIV)

Conclusion: What Do You Say?

God's Testimony: *"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11)*

Peter's Testimony: *"You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God." (Mark 8:29)*

The Soldier's Testimony: *"Surely this man was the Son of God!" (Mark 15:39)*

My Testimony: