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## The Wonder of His Arrival

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- ◆ For 700 years Israel has been waiting.
- ◆ Matthew records a summary.
- ◆ Mark begins with His adult life.
- ◆ Luke records with incredible detail.
- ◆ Both accounts emphasize the supernatural.
- ◆ Both show the fulfillment of the prophecies.

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### 1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Luke 1:30-31 (ESV)- ...the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

### 2. THE AMAZEMENT

Luke 1:34 (ESV)- And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

### 3. THE AFFIRMATION

Luke 1:36-37 (ESV)-And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.

### 4. THE ACCEPTANCE

Luke 1:38 (ESV)- And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

### 5. THE ARRIVAL

Luke 2:7 (ESV)- And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### Life Application Section

#### A. Wonder at His humility.

Luke 1:26 (ESV)- In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth

#### B. Wonder at His provision.

Luke 1:36 (ESV)-And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son!

#### C. Wonder at His plan.

Luke 2:3-4 (ESV)-And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

**Here Is The Point:** The Christmas story is full of Wonder!