

CONCLUSION



Title: Overcoming Doubt

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“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:18–21)

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.” (Luke 2:1)

INTRODUCTION

Quote: “What appears to be hopeless to man is often the very atmosphere in which God is about to do something miraculous and restore true Hope for us.”

1. PATIENCE TO _____

A. Joseph _____ His Circumstance

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

Quote: “Christmas is not just a time for festivity and merry making. It is more than that. It is a time for the contemplation of eternal things.”

—J.C. Penney

B. Joseph _____ God’s Revelation



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A SAVIOR WOULD BE BORN

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14)

A PROPHECY WOULD BE FULFILLED

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

GOD WOULD BE WITH US

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2)

2. TRUST TO _____

A. God’s _____

Definition: “*had bidden*”—had assigned, or commanded, requested

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

B. God’s _____

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) 3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:1-7)

A WORLDWIDE TAX

Quote: “Augustus undertook to acquire an exact knowledge of the resources of the empire through periodic census similar to but distinct from that of Roman citizens under the republic. Direct taxes were collected by the governor of a province and his staff.”—**Everett Ferguson**, *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*, p.95.

Quote: “Perhaps the situation created by Covid-19 might serve to highlight the particular advantages of shifting to a world federal government.”—**Professor Arvind Ashta**

Quote: “One single catastrophic event could trigger the dominoes leading to a globalized government quicker than we think.”—**David Jeremiah**, *Where Do We Go From here?*

“And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” (Revelation 13:4-5, 8)

AN UNCOMFORTABLE JOURNEY

“Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.” (Isaiah 40:15)

3. HUMILITY TO _____

A. Marvel at the _____

“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.” (Luke 2:7)

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Timothy 3:16)

Quote: “He who never began to be, but eternally existed, began to be what he eternally was not, and continued to be what he eternally was.”—**Charles Spurgeon**

B. Marvel at the _____

THE TESTIMONY OF SIMEON

Definition: “*consolation*”—comfort, solace

THE AWE OF JOSEPH

Definition: “*marvelled*”—a wonder, that which arrests the attention, could imply a degree of surprise.