

Have a "Mary" Christmas
Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel – Lk 1:26-38

- Spiritual "ministers" of God (messengers, warriors, guardians, worship leaders)
 - ...often come uninvitedly with unexpected news – Lk 1:28-33
 - ...after which we do not go back to life as it once was – Lk 2:34-35

Joseph – Lk 1:27; Matt 1:18-25

- A descendant of David... from the house of kings – Matt 1:20
 - ...his life speaks of a full trust in God – Matt 1:24-25

Mary – Lk 1:26-38

- A descendant of Aaron... from the house of priests – Lk 1:5
 - ...her humility – Lk 1:38,48
 - ...her honesty – Lk 1:29,34
 - ...her willingness – Lk 1:38,49
- She believed no word of God is without His power – Lk 1:38,46-55; Ro 4:21
 - ...her womb becomes a "Holy of Holies" for the personal presence of God – Lk 1:35
 - ...through her cooperation with God's operation a divinely human life comes into expression – Lk 1:36

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit – Lk 1:35

- The fullness of God brings us into their Family – Jo 14:20-23
 - ...where our joy, jubilation, and gladness come from – Jo 15:11; 16:22; 17:13

Having a "Mary" Christmas:

- Learn to be honest and humble before God (everyday) – Lk 1:29-34
 - ...bowing before the Truth Himself – I Pet 5:6,7
- Learn to be at home in the Miracle Worker (everywhere) – Lk 1:37; Matt 19:26
 - ...clothing and carrying the Word of God in our flesh – II Cor 13:5; Col 1:27
- Learn to pray the prayer of union in everything – Lk 1:38; Matt 26:39
 - ...two functioning together as one – I Cor 6:17; Lk 1:45