

WHICH ONES?



Would you rather have
travelled and seen Jesus
with the wise men?

OR

Would you rather have
travelled and seen Jesus
with the shepherds?



The
Angels
of
Christmas

PART 1: DIVINE MESSENGERS

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3 QUESTIONS



1. When do they visit?
2. What is their message?
3. Should we still expect them?

LUKE 1:8–11

ESV

Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty,⁹ according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense.



LUKE 1:8–11

ESV

And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.



WHEN DO ANGELS VISIT?

- a. Never when we might expect them
- b. Never according to our schedules
- c. Never on demand



LUKE 1:12

ESV

¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.



**THOSE WHO ARE VISITED
OFTEN REACT WITH FEAR
AS ANGELS SUCH AS
THESE APPEAR 'OTHER-
WORLDLY', STRAIGHT
FROM THE GLORY OF GOD.**



LUKE 1:13

ESV

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

Note: Angels are not fortune tellers/tooth fairies or the like but messengers sent from God with God's message



LUKE 1:14-17

ESV

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”



WHAT IS THEIR MESSAGE?

- a. Their message always reveals God's specific will
- b. Their message is of comfort to those who know and fear the Lord
- c. Their message will direct people to Jesus
- d. Their message will always confirm (not add to) the promises of God



LUKE 1:18

ESV

And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.”



1 CORINTHIANS 1:22

ESV

For Jews demand signs and Greeks
seek wisdom



WHAT IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE?

- a. Luke 1:38 “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” *[Mary]*
- b. Accept; receive; believe
- c. Mary’s conversation with the Angel (Gabriel) was shorter compared to Zechariah’s



ARE THE ANGELS STILL VISITING & SPEAKING?

- a. Yes!
- b. Are we too religious to notice them?
- c. Are we too busy to listen?

Hebrews 13:2 *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

