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Introduction

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, Luke 1:39-47

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I. Don't Limit Worship to Church and Sunday.

To find the new Christmas movie, "The Chosen: Messengers" go to www.angelstudios.com

II. Look for God in the Ordinary.

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Top 10 Unfounded Assumption about the Christmas Story:

- 10. Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem.
- 9. Jesus was born the night they arrived.
- 8. The innkeepers showed them to the stable.
- 7. The little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
- 6. The stable were made of a wall, two wooden poles, and a thatched roof.
- 5. There were animals nearby.
- 4. The angles that frightened the shepherds were in the sky (And glowed, and had wings)
- 3. The Magi found the baby in the stable.
- 2. There were only three Wise Men.
- 1. Jesus wasn't able to walk yet when they fled to Egypt.

"It seems to me that since the Fall,
Without thinking it odd,
That man has had no trouble at all,
Believing that he can be God.
How he would do this I cannot conceive
Tho' he certainly thinks that he can —
And yet, he cannot bring himself to believe
That God can become a man." B.C. Cartoon, Pegleg

III. Emphasize the True Meaning of Christmas.

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"This is how the birth of Jesus came about..." (Matthew 1:18)

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

"What if this year at Christmas I set Santa to the side,
Forgo Frosty on the video and rest Rudolph from his ride.
Perhaps I'd then forget those things and listen in the night,
For clapping sounds of angels wings that caused the shepherds fright.
And maybe I would start to shine like that old eastern star,
And wonder like the wise men who traveled from afar,
To pay him all due honor not just a passing nod.
This year I'm going to ponder what Christmas means to God." ~Unknown Author and Title

(vss. 46-47)