

(Luke 1:26-35) In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came to her and said, "Rejoice, favored woman! The Lord is with you." But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. Then the angel told her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end. Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not been intimate with a man?" The angel replied to her: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God."

(Luke 2:1-7) In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. Then she gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him snugly in cloth and laid Him in a feeding trough-because there was no room for them at the inn.

WHY DOES CHRISTMAS TOUCH OUR HEARTS?

1. Because of the Miracles

- A. The miraculous appearing of Gabriel.
- B. The miraculous pregnancy of Mary.
- C. The miraculous appearance of heavenly beings.
- D. The miraculous appearance of the star.

2. Because of Their Meagerness

- A. The hearts of everyone in the world goes out to them.
- B. On the night Jesus was born they were poverty stricken.

3. Because of the Manger

- A. Some don't believe in any messiah.
- B. Some believe there are many messiahs.
- C. There is one, but only one Messiah.
- D. His name is Jesus.