

# What The Bible Didn't Tell You About the Christmas Story

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Introduction:

We are the Salt and Light Team. We are part of the leadership team of TCF and we gather every week to talk, pray, get training on how to introduce our friends to Jesus. Since telling our friends about Jesus is so important to us, the story about the birth of Jesus is important.

Many of us have heard or read in the Bible the Christmas story many times. It's a great story which includes great drama and many interesting details. But the Bible also leaves out much of what happened. After much research, we have discovered the missing parts of the story and we would like to present them to you.

For instance, we read in Luke 1:26-38.... But the Bible does not record what happened when Mary actually told Joseph the news.

SCENE 1:

Joseph coming home, clearly tired.

Mary: So, how was your day?

Joseph: Fine. Really tired, carpentry details, etc.

Silence.

Mary: Oh, so aren't you going to ask me if anything interesting happened to me today?

Joseph: Uh, yeah. So.... Mary.... did anything interesting happen to you today?

Mary: Well... [Tells a lot of details] and then at end really quickly, "... and an angel of the Lord came to tell me that I'm pregnant with the Messiah..." and I got a great deal of leg of lamb at the market today..

Joseph is clearly bored, nodding "Uh, huh, huh." : Wait, what was that?

Mary: I got a great deal on leg of lamb... 50 shekels a pound!

Joseph: No, before that... the part about being pregnant.

Mary: Finally explains.

Joseph: You're pregnant???? Who is the father? I know its not me! Wait,don't tell me its Ishmael over at the used camel dealer! I've seen him make googly eyes at you!

Mary: No, Joseph, I'm still a virgin. The angel said he was the son of Most High!

Joseph: Oh, I've heard it all now. You cheat on me and you try to say it was God! And an angel told you this? Sarcastic: ... and how come the angel didn't bother to let me in on the big secret! Is there anything else he said that I should know about?

Mary: Well, there was one other thing. We're supposed to name it Jesus.

Joseph: Jesus! Objects to name. Forget it, it's over Mary. We're finished as a couple. I'm out of here. And I want my varsity letterman jacket back!

STORMS OUT

Joseph meets friend.

Exchange greetings. Friend notices how miserable Joseph is. Asks. Joseph explains broke up.

Friend: Oh, man, you guys were such a good couple. What happened.

Joseph: Well, she's pregnant with somebody else's child.

Friend: Ooooooh, that's cold. Women.

Joseph: Yeah, and then she tries to cover it with this crazy story about an angel telling her all this stuff.

Friend: That angel story making the rounds. Yeah, last woman I went out with told me that an angel told me we were supposed to be together. Then she runs off and leaves me.

Joseph: Oooh, that's cold. Women. Angel telling her -- like I'm supposed to believe an angel just would appear and tell her this stuff? Who does she think I am?

Friend: Yeah, next thing you know an angel is going to appear to you to tell you she's right!

They both laugh derisively.

Joseph: And another. She has the gall to tell me that we're supposed to name the kid Jesus. I don't even like that name.

Friend: Oooh, that's cold. Women. Jesus -- its the kind of name kids make fun of.

Joseph: I just don't understand. This is so unlike Mary.

Friend: Complains about women.

Joseph: Yeah, but Mary isn't like that. Upholds Mary. I don't know what I should do. What do you think?

Friend: I have two words: public humiliation. You have let them know they can't get away with this. Kick her out and make sure people know she cheated you.

Joseph: I don't know, that so harsh.

Friend: Its them or you.

End. Narrator reads from Matthew 1:18-24.

Narrator: Another famous part of Jesus' birth is told in Matthew 2:1-8. But Matthew doesn't tell us about the wise men going shopping to bring the baby Jesus presents.

Jared: Hm, I think all the good stores are on the other end of the mall.

Gene: Hey, look! Banana Dictatorship has go their new winter lineup out. Nice turbans.....

Curtis: Is the food court on that end? I'm getting kind of hungry.

Jared: How can you guys be thinking about fashion or food, this is the most important shopping trip in the history of the world!

Gene: Right, right? I'm thinking a little silk outfit, I'm thinking white with just a touch of a gold accent - bold but not pretentious, a look that says, "I'm the Savior and I know it."

Curtis: Hey how about a toy spear. Kappa Mart has a special where you can get a little centurion costume complete with spear, shield, and helmet!

Jared: Spear, shield helmet! We're talking about the Prince of Peace here! He's supposed be turn those things into pruning hooks and plowshares. Haven't you guys read your Isaiah?

Curtis: Yeah, wow. I've never thought about it that way. The birth of the King of Kings, the Wonderful Counselor. Do you think they'll serve hors'd orves there?

Gene: Right, we've got to think about the setting. It looks like we're going to rural Palestine here. Let's see what Elijah Bauer's got. Ah yes, I'm thinking of a lambswool pullover, dark but yet enough white to pick up the glow from the Star of David. This is nice and a roomy fit also. He' can wear layers underneath and have the government on his shoulder.

Jared: No, he's a baby! Think of what would be appropriate for a baby!

Gene: Well, that just limits all the fashion possibilities. We're reduced to diapers and blanket. But, hey what about designer linen. Pagan Dior has an absolute fabulous line out this year.

Curtis: Hey, what about a gift package of some gourmet figs? Look Mrs Field's Figs has some extra ones out for people to taste. Let's go try some.

Jared: Please can we concentrate on the task at hand! We're running out of time. How did you guys get to be wise men anyway?

Narrator: Well, thankfully, the wise men got their shopping just in time, setting a pattern of last minute gift buying that has lasted through the centuries. Read Matt. 2:9-11