

Christmas Eve Service

“Do You Believe in Christmas?”

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Christmas Quiz

- T or F A host of angels appeared and sang to the shepherds.
T or F The shepherds looked for the star over the stable to find baby Jesus.
T or F Mary and Joseph were allowed to stay the night in the innkeeper’s stable
T or F Three kings brought gifts to Jesus.
T or F The wise men arrived at the manger to worship baby Jesus.

What do we really believe about Christmas?

John’s Dad, Jesus’ Mom and the Contrast Between them - Luke 1

1. Our perception of what is **possible** has an impact on what we **believe**.
 - Elizabeth had been barren and beyond child bearing years.
 - Mary was a virgin.

2. What is **actual** does not always sway us from what we determine is **impossible**.
 - An angel appeared to Zechariah
 - An angel appeared to Mary

3. When confronted with a possibility we can respond with **skepticism** or **faith**.
 - Zechariah asked, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”
 - Mary asked, “How will this come to pass since I am still a virgin?”

4. There is a **right time** and a **wrong time** for skepticism.
 - Zechariah was stricken mute for 9 months
 - Mary praised the Lord

“For nothing is impossible with God.” The Angel

Discussion Starters for Your Group InCommon

1. What misconceptions about God, the Bible etc. have you had and how did you come to see what was actually true?
2. On what do you base your belief system? How do you know this foundation is a good one?
3. Are there things in the Bible that you have a hard time believing?