

24 Days of Awe

questions to bring the wonder back into Christmas

1. If you were Mary, what questions would you have had for the angel Gabriel?
2. Imagine you are one of the shepherds in the field. How would you have felt going from quiet darkness to the brilliant light and sound of a host of angels praising God?
3. What would it have been like to have such great news like Zechariah had, but to be unable to speak for nine months?
4. How would you feel if you were Mary and had to tell your fiancé that you were pregnant with God's baby?
5. What would it have been like as a wise man, seeing the stars show the signs that a king has been born, but going to Jerusalem to find no one knows what you're talking about?
6. Imagine the trip to Bethlehem: nine months pregnant and riding on a donkey, only to find that there is no place for you to stay.
7. How would you have felt if you were Elizabeth—to become pregnant as an old woman after a lifetime of being unable to have children?
8. What do you imagine it would have been like to have the Holy Spirit overshadow you so that you become pregnant?
9. Seeing your baby Jesus do the normal things a baby does, do you think you would have ever questioned the angel's message?
10. What would it be like to have your very first baby alone in a stable with only your husband to help you?
11. How would you feel if you were Simeon, waiting your whole life to see the Messiah and then seeing Jesus come into the temple, knowing he is the one?
12. What would it be like as Elizabeth to have the baby in your belly leap because he recognizes that Mary is pregnant with the savior of the world?
13. How would you feel parenting a child that would save you from your sins?
14. Consider the love of God that compelled Jesus to empty himself of God's glory and become a man, being born as a baby and then dying like a common criminal?
15. What would it be like if your fiancée told you she was pregnant with God's baby?
16. How would you feel being unwed and pregnant in a culture where this could mean being stoned to death?
17. What would you say if an angel showed up to tell you that your child would be the savior of the world?
18. What would it be like as a shepherd, going back to your flock after the angel's message and seeing the baby Messiah?
19. How would it feel to have someone tell you that because of your child, a sword will pierce your soul?
20. What would it be like to go through pregnancy knowing your child is the son of God?
21. How would you react if you heard rumors that shepherds said they had seen the Messiah born in a stable?
22. What would it be like to have three foreign men come bringing gifts and worshiping your child?
23. What brings you the most wonder in thinking about the Christmas story?
24. Consider that Jesus was both fully God and fully man. Just...consider it.