

The Songs of Advent ~ The Song of Angels



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The story of Christmas... too perfect and too good to be true? Is it a myth, fable, fairytale?

- Zachariah and Elizabeth
- Mary and Joseph
- Shepherds
- Nativity scenes

Luke comes to the rescue and brings us the Christmas story.

- Luke knew Peter, Paul, and Mary. He even knew James, the brother of Jesus. He provides an actual narrative of all the events surrounding Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection. This actually happened. And the witnesses of these events are still alive.
- He anchors the birth of Jesus to actual historical events and a period in time.

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world."

- He gives a parenthetical detail that to this day can be traced through extra biblical sources: *"This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria."*
- Then, Luke says that Mary and her husband, Joseph, gave birth to a son. As it turns out, this child would become the savior of the entire world.

What if it is true?

- If it is true, then what the angel said and sang is eternally significant for you and me and for every single person in the world.

*"Do not be afraid, I bring **you** good news that will cause great joy for **all** the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to **you**; he is the Messiah, the Lord."* (Luke 2:10-11)

- God sent exactly what we needed. He sent us a savior. We are not "Mistakers" who need a second chance. We are sinners who need a savior.

- It is better than perfect. It is good and it is true. And he did it for me and he did it for you!

"When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child."