



*The
Greatest
Gift*



Great Gifts Come With Great Stories...

**The Christmas Story teaches
us about the greatest gift.**



Unexpected

Hope | Love | Peace | Joy





**Jesus is the
Greatest Gift!**

*A
meaningful*

**Jesus was born through a mother
who reflected the character of God
and to a father who represented
the messianic prophecy.**

Mary & Joseph

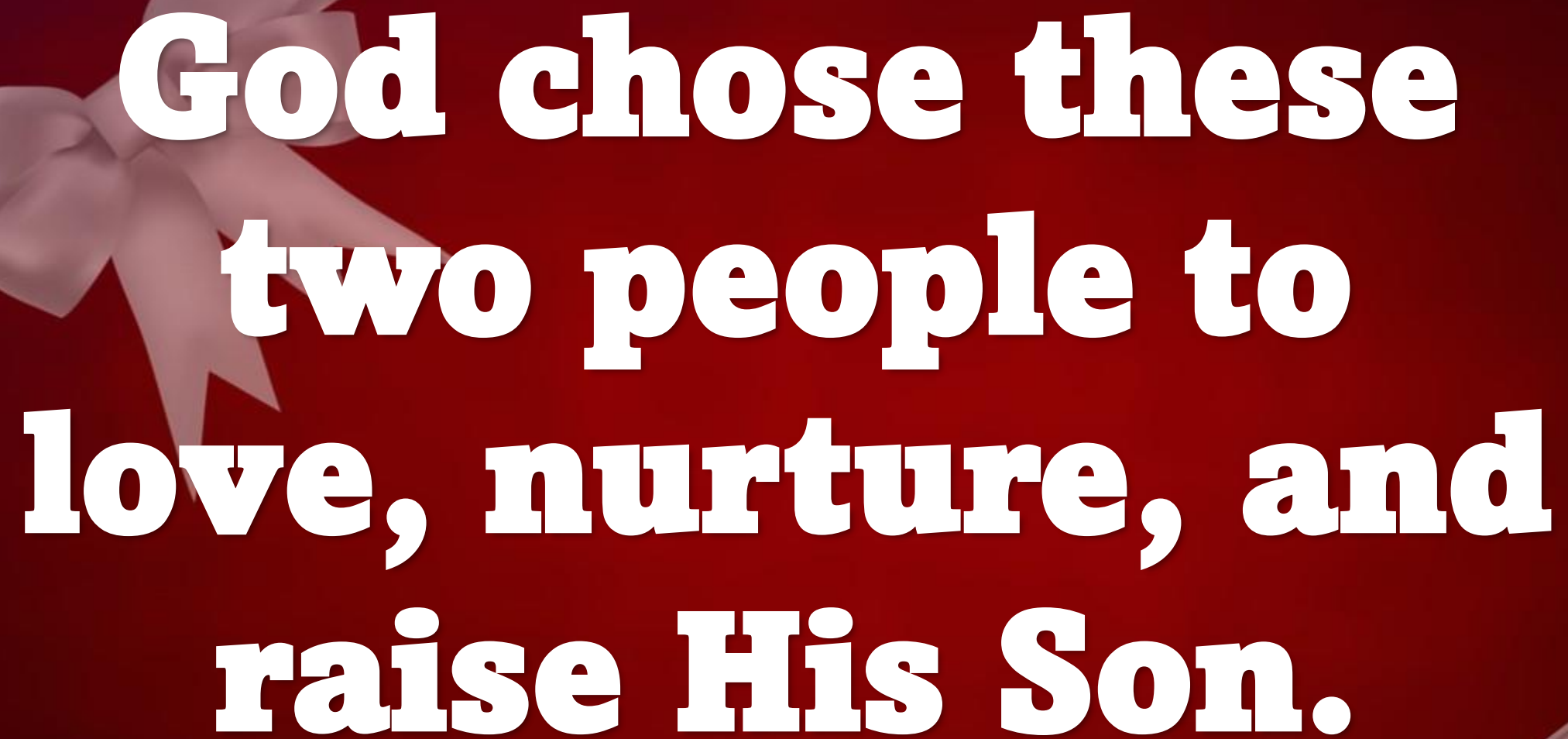
Luke 1:26-56 | Matthew 1:18-25



Angelic Greetings

“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God!”

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.”



**God chose these
two people to
love, nurture, and
raise His Son.**

Mary's Response

“I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.”

Joseph's Response

He did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.



**But Mary & Joseph were
merely the caretakers of this
greatest gift to the world...**

“He will reign over Israel forever”

“He will save his people from their sin”



*For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness
and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,
who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.*

- Colossians 1:13-14

**God gave to us from His
Love | Compassion | Wisdom**



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**We receive this gift with
Faith | Humility | Obedience**



**Just like Mary & Joseph,
who remind us great gifts are**

Meaningful



**Knowing the meaning of Christmas,
doesn't make it meaningful...**

Galatians 4:4-5

**...Christmas will become meaningful
when you make it personal.**

(Simeon) took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, “Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

- Luke 2:28-32



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