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What Did It Mean For Those At The First Christmas That Their Wait Was Over?

▪ Mary

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end. ‘How will this be,’ Mary asked the angel, ‘since I am a virgin?’”

Luke 1:31-33

Memory Verse

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Luke 1:37

▪ Joseph

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated means, God with us.”

Matthew 1:21

▪ The Shepherds

“But the angel said to them, ‘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

▪ Simeon

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah.”

Luke 2:25-26

▪ You and Me

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

John 1:12

WHEN THE WAIT IS OVER

What Will It Be Like For Us When Our Wait Is Over?

▪ We will be in heaven

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also will be.”

John 14:1-3

▪ We will be changed

“What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies.”

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

“Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. 3 And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.”

1 John 3:2-3

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO . . .

- Memorize Luke 1:37
- As I wait to meet Jesus, ask God to help me to grow to become more like Him
- Ask God to help my hope of heaven change the way I live on earth
- As I look forward to the start of a new year take time to thank God that He specializes in making all things new (2 Corinthians 5:17)

