

First Words:

To Joseph & Mary this was a surprising _____ to their lives

A. This interruption was _____ (From Ordinary to Extraordinary)
Luke 1:26–27 - *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.*

1. Sixth Month = 6th Month of Elizabeth's Pregnancy
2. Nazareth – See ***Matthew 4:12-16, Mk. 6:5 & John 1:46***
3. Betrothed = arranged contractual marriage
4. Joseph – Carpenter by trade – ***Mark 6:3***
5. Mary – young, not sexually active, girl – 14 years of age

B. The interruption was _____ (God had a different plan)
Luke 1:28–29 & 31 - *And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be... ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.*

C. The interruption was _____
1. It meant a loss of reputation - ***Luke 1:34*** - *And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"* – Cp. ***John 8:41***

2. It meant a loss of dreams - ***Matthew 1:18-19*** - *Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.*

3. It meant a loss of comfort and perhaps family
a. They experienced the _____ of human government – ***Luke 2:1&4***
In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.... ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

b. They experienced the _____ of nature's elements– ***Luke 2:6–7a*** - *And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger,*

c. They experienced the _____ of capitalism's quest –***Luke 2:7b*** – *... because there was no place for them in the inn.*

D. The interruption was _____ - ***Matthew 2:16*** - *Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.*

To Joseph and Mary this was a surprising _____ in their lives

A. To be vessels _____ for God – ***Luke 1:35 & 37*** - *And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.... ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."*

B. To be people _____ by God - ***Luke 1:48–53*** - *For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. – See ***Matthew 2:1****

C. To be believers _____ to God – ***Matthew 1:24–25*** - *When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.*

To Joseph & Mary this was a surprising _____ for their lives

A. To experience the supernatural _____ – **Luke 1:26** - *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,*

B. To experience the supernatural _____ – **Matthew 1:20** - *But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

C. To experience the supernatural _____ - **Matthew 2:13**- *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”*

D. The experience the supernatural _____ – **Matthew 1:22–23** - *All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).*

So...What's it to me?

Recognition of a need for personal _____ - **Luke 1:46–47** - *And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,*

Decision for personal _____ - **Luke 1:38** - *And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*

Life of personal _____ – **Matthew 1:19** - *And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.*

The Surprises of Christmas



The Surprise of Nazareth

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