

# Christmas 2024

## “Journey to Christmas, Part 1”

**INTRO:** *Many people worldwide celebrate Christmas, even as they miss out on the true significance of the day. A **journey** back to full and complete appreciation of Christmas is a journey which we will undertake today.*

- I. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(Luke 1:26-37; Matthew 1:18-23).** *This was confirmed by angelic announcements to both Joseph and Mary.*
- II. Some skeptics miss out on the *full* celebration of Christmas because they refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.** *Skeptics have but a few options; **deny** them, **define** them as actions of natural law, or **distort** the Gospel to fit them in.*
- III. To *reach* Christmas, the “journey” requires \_\_\_\_\_ in the miracle of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:38; Matthew 1:24-25).** *“Reaching” Christmas is a way to express experiencing the full impact of the event as recorded in scripture.*
- A.** Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ in the God of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Mary and Joseph both demonstrated their faith through actions.*
- B.** Belief in the miracle of Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ cannot \_\_\_\_\_ but faith in a \_\_\_\_\_-born \_\_\_\_\_ can. *The absence of an Adamic (sin) nature and a perfect life made Jesus’ sacrifice acceptable.*