

Jesus Is Great for You
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Luke 1:32-33

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

All needed to be known about Jesus Christ revealed by angels at beginning of His earthly life.

- **Who He was, why He came, what would He do, how He would effect the world.**
 - Summary: “He will be **great.**” ...exceedingly **set apart** from **all the rest.** Luke 1:30-33

Jesus is great because He **supreme, sovereign** God... yet also fully man.

- **God not Joseph** was His only **father.**
 - **Declaration of deity precedes declaration of Davidic kingship.**
- **Fragile baby Mary held** was **holding universe in place!**
 - **Jesus Christ, son of Mary, is Lord God Almighty in flesh.** Immanuel... **God is with us.**

Jesus is great because He **eternal King.**

- He **fulfill all prophecies** that **son of David** rule over **Israel**, and **someday** rule **world.** His **kingdom will never end.**
 - **Bethlehem** where **Samuel first anointed David** as future **king.**

Jesus is great because He is **holy.** Lk 1:35b, 2:8-14

- **He without sin in thought, word, deed.** Which means **atonement** for sin was **possible.**

Jesus is great because He **Savior, Redeemer, Deliverer...Jesus came to die.**

- He came to **GLORIFY** Father by **offering Himself** as our **sacrificial substitute.**
 - Jesus Christ **moving toward** you **TODAY** as He did **2000 years** ago, **humbly**, gently with **great blessing.** *Gospel*

All needed know about JC revealed at very beginning of His earthly life.

- **Babe in manger God yet fully man, holy** and sinless, eternal **King**, glorious **Savior.**

Yet Mary not focus on Jesus' greatness but greatness of **her circumstances.**

Luke 1:34, 37

- **Mary's concern** was **accurate assessment** from **man's perspective.**
 - **We focus** on **seemingly impossible....lost** family, **marriage, controlling sin**, world chaos and wars, **economic uncertainty**, fear, **storms of life.**
- **No event or circumstance** more than **Jesus can handle & take us through.**
 - **God direct worldly powers (Roman Empire), universe** (guiding star) and **heavenly beings** (angels) during **first Christmas.**

- **Because of Jesus.....fear and anxiety can give way to peace and joy.**

Hope born that day for world in despair then and now.....Jesus Christ will be great for you!

- **Respond to this Good News as the angels, Mary, and the shepherds did...with joy, awe, worship and praise. Luke 2:14, 20**