

GOSPEL BEGINNINGS: LUKE

Luke 1

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- How do you identify good reporting? What are the characteristics of good reporting?
- Where will you hear the Christmas story this season?

If you want to know about the birth of Jesus or how it came to be, turn to the gospel of Luke. Luke is the most comprehensive account of Jesus' birth and it's where you'll find many of the familiar details we hear every year in the classic nativity story. You may think you've heard it all before, but are you catching all that Luke has to offer in his account? Did you ever wonder where he got his information? Discover how Luke's opening chapter provides us with a model of strong faith, helps us celebrate the advent of our Savior, shares a vision of God's kingdom, and repeatedly declares the salvation of our Lord.

Listen: [*Gospel Beginnings: Luke*](#)

Reflection

After listening, consider:

- Have you ever experienced an unexpected event in your life or are you currently struggling with your circumstances? What did it or would it take for you to have faith like Mary, to go from "how can this be?" to "let it be"?
- Are there details of the Luke text that get glossed over or lost in the pageantry of the Christmas story? What sticks out to you after listening to hosts Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee?
- In segment 2, Scott notes Luke's propensity for elevating the poor and marginalized and identifies this as one of the gospel's key themes. Where else do you see this theme in scripture? Do you think this theme comes through in most retellings of the Christmas story? Why or why not?
- At the close of segment 3, Dave and Scott discuss the song of the angels and the power of music. Is there a particular piece of music, a particular Christian hymn, or a song that has had an impact in your faith life? Why is it meaningful?

Related Passages

- **Luke 16:19-31**
- **Psalm 113**
- **Psalm 23**

Conclusion

Think about your Christmas traditions. In what ways do they reflect or incorporate Mary's faith? What about Luke's emphasis on the poor and marginalized? What are some small ways you could add to or alter your traditions to increase awareness about these details of the Christmas story?

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