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A Story Full of Doubts

When it comes to Christmas there is understandable doubt

“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. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”**



Luke 2:10-12



Scientifically unexplainable

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

Luke 1:34

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:14





Supernatural or “Christmas Magic”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Angels seem to be everywhere in this story *Luke 1:35*

**And the message one delivers to our world
be hero girl**

God in Flesh!





Little too convenient

The taxes come due just at the right moment

**Would be travelers just happen to show up led by a star,
just in time to create a little danger and drama in the
story**

And they are rich how awesome is that





Story with doubters

We already mentioned Joseph, but he was not the first and only Christmas doubter

Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years.”

Luke 1:18

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

Luke 1:34





Doubt and belief go hand in hand

The story sounds too good to be true

There are elements of the story that I cannot explain

There is a great deal of supernatural events

The pieces fall into place way to easy

**And the story is full of people that should
believe but doubt**



Finding Faith in Christmas

*The Bells Still Ring for
All Who Truly Believe*





Everybody has Doubts

“Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

Mark 11:23

**Keep in mind the presence of doubt
does not mean the absence of belief**

I Want to Believe





Everybody has Doubts

Notice Jesus says you can show great confidence with your mouth, but doubt comes from the heart

Jesus' point was if you truly had no doubts then you could accomplish anything

Please notice the accomplishment would be done for you not by you



Despite how much belief I have I also always have those moments of doubt



Seeing is a Limited Fix to Doubt

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

John 20:27

This is a true statement, usually if I can offer you physical evidence doubt can be relieved

What happens when I doubt what I see, then you must show me something else to make me believe

Belief vs Knowledge





Belief vs Knowledge

“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

v.25

“Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

v. 29





Belief vs Knowledge

The point is clear I can't show you everything

I cannot prove history beyond a shadow of a doubt

**At some point faith must step in and
fill the gap and you must believe even
that which can yet to be explained**





Focusing on Doubt

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:6

We will always have those pesky doubts

James tells us when we ask for things, we must do so not doubt free but not doubt focused



Unstable Faith



Focusing on Doubt

That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

v. 7-8

Notice it does not say God will not provide, but it does say the expectation from us should and most of the time is low

That's because in his words we are trying to live double-minded





Focusing on Doubt

It's a true statement the more I focus on my doubts the more doubts I will have

The more doubts I have the more I just go through the motions of faith without true belief

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31



