





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

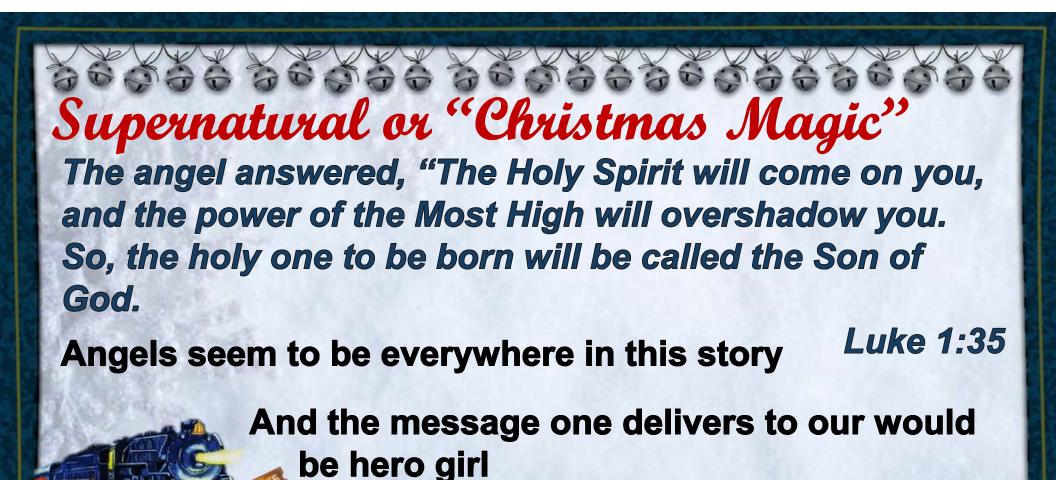


"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

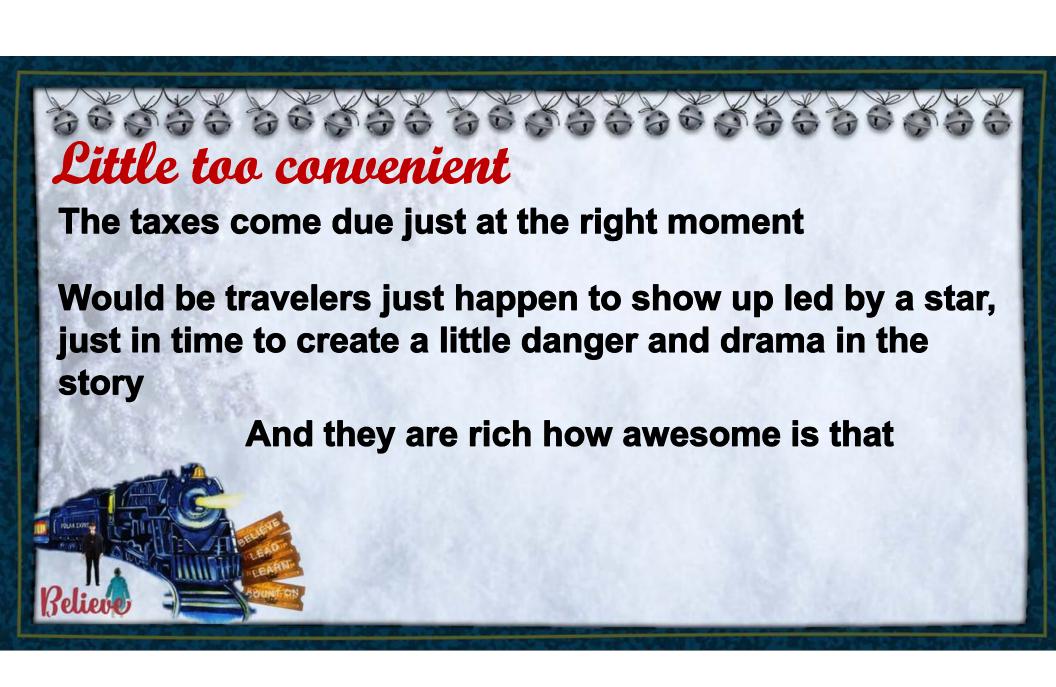
Luke 1:34

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



God in Flesh!





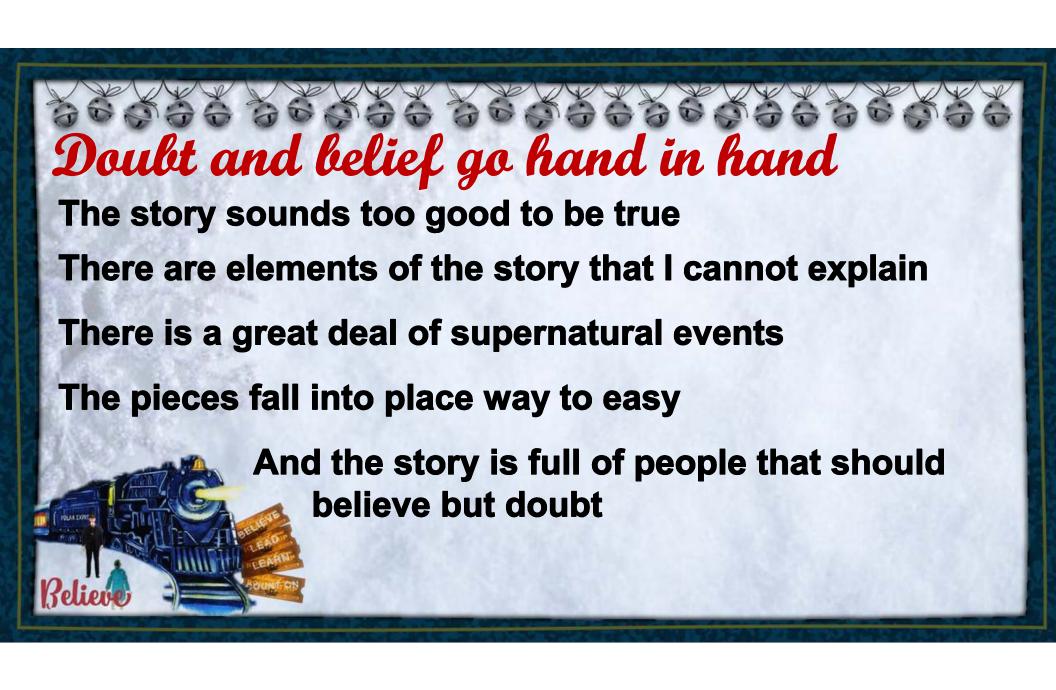
We already mentioned Joseph, but he was not the first and only Christmas doubter

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





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

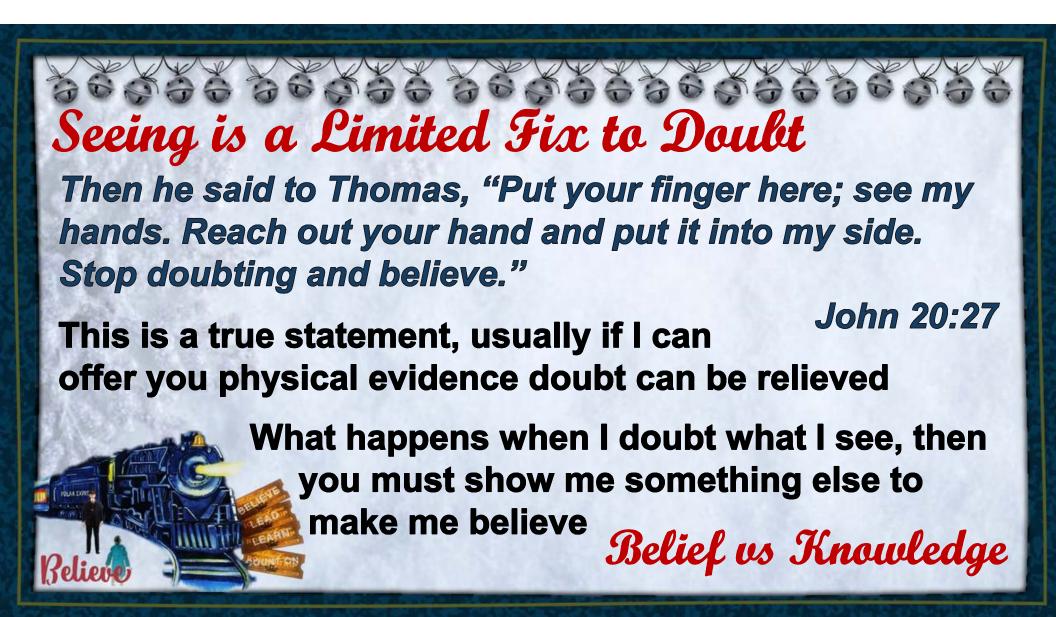


Notice Jesus says you can show great confidence with your mouth, but doubt comes from the heart

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



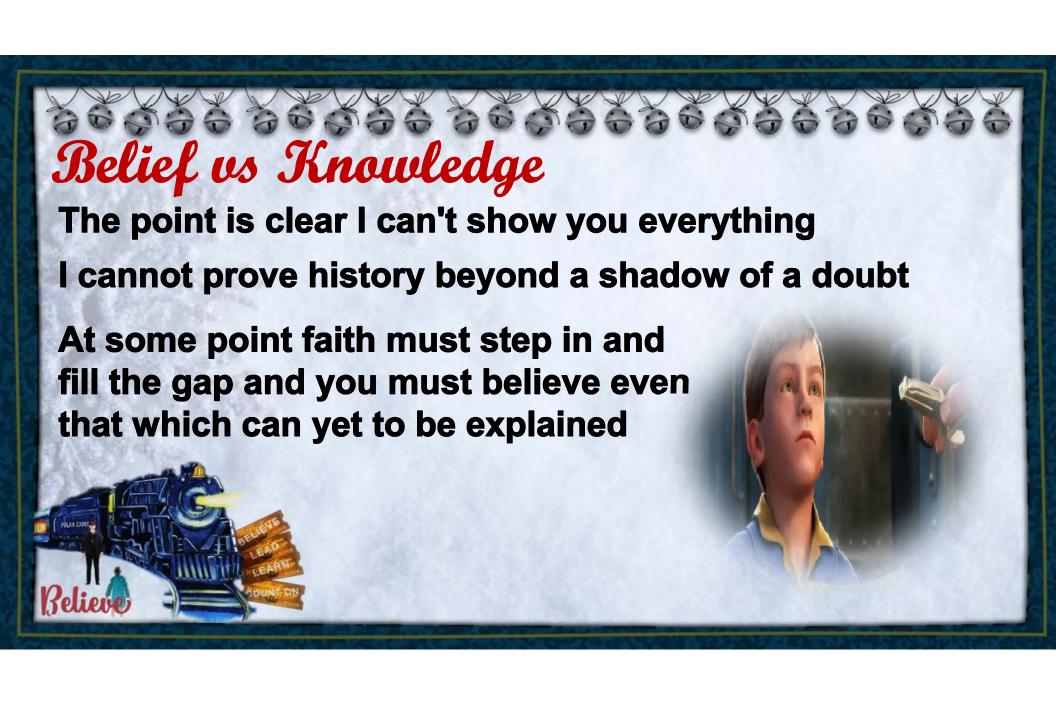


"Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

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





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



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

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



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

