

Conclusion

You have now journeyed 31 days through the beginning of Jesus' story. I hope you have enjoyed it as much as I have. I hope God has shown you new truths that are planting themselves deep within your heart.

Maybe you will take a few more minutes with me to think about all you have learned as we wrap things up.

1. How important is the Holy Spirit to Jesus? How is He involved in the beginning of Jesus' human life?

2. How many angelic encounters are there? Which one do you think was the most important?

3. I see the overall theme of Jesus' beginning as **Mark 14:36b** – “...nevertheless, not what I will, but what You [Father] will.” Every person involved has the chance to participate in God's purposes or not. Consider how the story would be different if each character had said “no” at his/her appointed time in the story. Which “no” would make the greatest impact?

4. God reminds us throughout this story how He is always faithful. Who is God most faithful to in this story?

5. God also reminds us that He always responds with great grace to us when we demonstrate our trust in Him. Who has the most faith in this story?

6. God also reminds us that He shines most brightly and works most miraculously in impossible situations. What is the biggest miracle of this story?

May God continue to plant the truths of this story in your heart. And as you journey into the New Year, I pray this hope for you: **Numbers 6:24-26** – ²⁴ “The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.”