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## **JESUS IS THE CHRIST**

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- In Matt. 16:13, Jesus asked His disciples an important Christmas question,
  - "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?
- In Matt.16:14, His disciples gave four popular opinions:
  - "John the Baptist; Elijah; Jeremiah; or one of the prophets."
- In Matt. 16:15, Jesus asked His disciple a second important Christmas question,
  - "But who do you say that I am?"
- In Matt.16:16. Peter gave the <u>correct answer</u> to this important Christmas question,
  - "You (Jesus) are the Christ, the Son of Living God."
- In Matt.16:17, Jesus responded with a great Christmas gift for Peter,
  - "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

This was the first true Christmas for the disciples of Jesus who learned that Jesus is the Christ and Christ is the reason for **Christ**mas.

Our lesson goes back some 30 years to Mary and Joseph being told that Mary's first born would be named Jesus, the Christ.

God sent Gabriel to hold a home Bible study entitled: "Jesus is The Christ" for Mary (Luke 1:26-38).

### We study two important doctrinal points to Mary regarding "Jesus is The Christ."

#### 1. Mary received a spiritual field promotion by God.

She received it for the ministry God was about to reveal to her by way of Gabriel's salutation:

Luke 1:28 "Greeting, favored one (charitoo/perf.p.ptc.vsf)! The Lord is with you."

This special salutation means that Mary has reached the spiritual maturity necessary to be assigned a special ministry from God (Eph.4:13-14; Phil.3:13-14).

God never calls you to a ministry that He has not prepared to bring to completion with you!

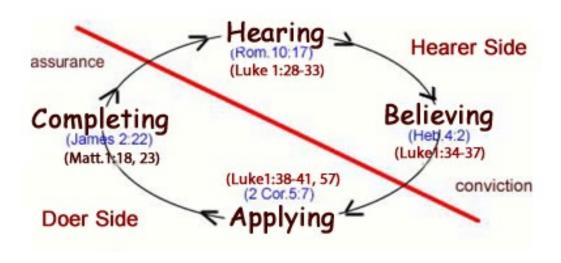
Luke 1:28 "The Lord is with you" (Heb.11:5; 1 Pet.1:6-11).

2. God's assigned ministry for Mary can only be accomplished by God's grace working through Mary applying the faith cycle.

What was that assigned ministry? (Luke 1:31-35) The Miraculous Conception!

(2 Thess.1:3) "We ought always give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, **because your faith (he pistis/ nsf) is greatly enlarged (huperauxano/ p.a.ind.3ps) [spiritual maturity capacity],** and the love (he agape/ nsf) of God grows (pleonazo/ p.a.ind.3ps) [rapidly increases] ever greater."

# THE FAITH CYCLE



(1 Cor.7:17) "Only, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each, in this manner let him walk. And so, I direct in all the churches."

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS**