

Unlikely Stars Mary & Joseph

Our story continues with Mary and Joseph who are betrothed. Their story is intricately connected with Zacharias and Elizabeth's. The same angel visits Mary in Nazareth as Elizabeth is along in her pregnancy. We meet:

Mary – Luke 1:26-38

Joseph – Matthew 1:18-25

Nazareth – Tiny, Humble and Obscure town - John 1:46 “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

Mary's trust despite the unknown and blight on her character.

It's difficult to underestimate the value of Mary's seeking out Elizabeth after the encounter with the angel. What are some benefits you might think of?

Cost of Mary's belief

Joseph's reaction

Joseph's dilemma & decision

Implications of Caesar's call for a census and traveling 90 miles to Bethlehem

No room in the inn (Kataluma)

Consider all of the things Mary and Joseph faced alone and the cost of their belief. What would it take to sustain them?

Ponder These Things:

Despite the cost, Mary and Joseph took the narrow way of being maligned and misunderstood.

Belief takes trust in the faithful One who speaks truth to our heart.

Believing can cost family and societal relationships

How might Mary and Joseph seem unlikely to parent the savior of the world?

Do you feel unlikely, or ill-equipped to do the thing God is asking of you?