This is the story of how Hope was announced, how the promise was kept.

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name [was] Mary. (Luke 1:26-27 NKJV)

God had promised the Savior would be the seed of the woman.

Through one man, Adam, sin entered the world, and death spread to all.

We don't become sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners by nature.

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, (Galatians 4:4 NKJV)

Born of a woman—truly human. But sent forth by God—truly divine.

For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)

If Jesus isn't sinless, we don't have a Savior.

The virgin conception of Jesus is not God saying, "Let Me surprise you with a new trick." It's God saying, "This is what I told you I would do."

and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. (Romans 4:21 NKJV)

The virgin birth is promise kept.

God prepares the place and the person for His purposes.

And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored [one], the Lord [is] with you; blessed [are] you among women!" (Luke 1:28 NKJV)

Mary is a recipient of grace, not its source.

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But when she saw [him], she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (Luke 1:29-30 NKJV)

The safest place in the universe is in the will of the God who loves you.

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. (Luke 1:31 NKJV)

God doesn't send a life coach; He sends a Savior.

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:32-33 NKJV)

Jesus is not just Savior; He is King.

Many people are okay with Jesus as helper or advisor. Few are okay with Him as King.

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" (Luke 1:34 NKJV)

God is not threatened by honest questions.

Bring your "how" to Him, but bring it with a yielded heart.

And the angel answered and said to her, "[The] Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35 NKJV)

He doesn't become holy; He is holy.

He shares our humanity, He does not share our sin nature

"Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. "For with God nothing will be impossible." (Luke 1:36-37 NKJV)

And it is not impossible for Him to send His Son into the world through a virgin.

The Christmas story can almost sound too good to be true:

Anyone who trusts Him will be forgiven and made new (John 3:16; Romans 10:9–10).

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38 NKJV)

This is Mary's response of faith. It's simple, but it's huge.

Why would God go to all this trouble?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 NKJV)

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 NKJV)

So the Word became Flesh:

Born without sin, Lived a sinless life, Died for sin on the cross, Rose again, Reigns forever.

The question isn't "Why did He do this?"

The question is: "What have you done with it?"