



TALK IT OVER

The First Look

BOTTOM LINE

Let Christmas transform you.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What are the first memories you have of Christmas? What is the first thing you do to celebrate Christmas?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/daily](https://www.newpointe.org/daily)
- [Investigating Jesus](#) – Part 1 of Andy Stanley's study of the historical accounts in Luke. He discusses how we know this is factual information.

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end. Luke 1:32-33 NIV

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you... so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. Luke 1:1-4 NIV

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Luke 1:38 NIV

"If we are not careful, we end up just getting through Christmas instead of being excited about Christmas. We end up tolerating it instead of allowing it to transform us." – Dwight Mason

"Perhaps we have allowed something supernatural to become mundane. The familiarity of the Christmas story has taken away the awe. The closer we look at Christmas, the better it gets." – Dwight Mason

TALK IT OVER

It was important to Luke that he established that all the information he was compiling was historical fact. How is it vital to you? The change and chaos Christmas brings demands a conversation. What do you need to think and talk about? What did your family believe about Christmas? Has that changed for you? If so, how? What does Christmas say to you about God's POWER? Mary's story tells us much about what God does when an ordinary person says YES to Him. Does this excite you or scare you? In your life, what would it take for you to say, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you want for me be fulfilled"? What convinces you that you need a Savior? That the world needs a Savior? What does it mean that "the kingdom is here and now"? What has your "First Look" shown you so far?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will consciously take a fresh look at Christmas 2022. I will ask God to help me grasp the supernatural significance and spend this season in awe. I will ask God each day to speak to me and will offer myself as His servant.

My Action Step: _____