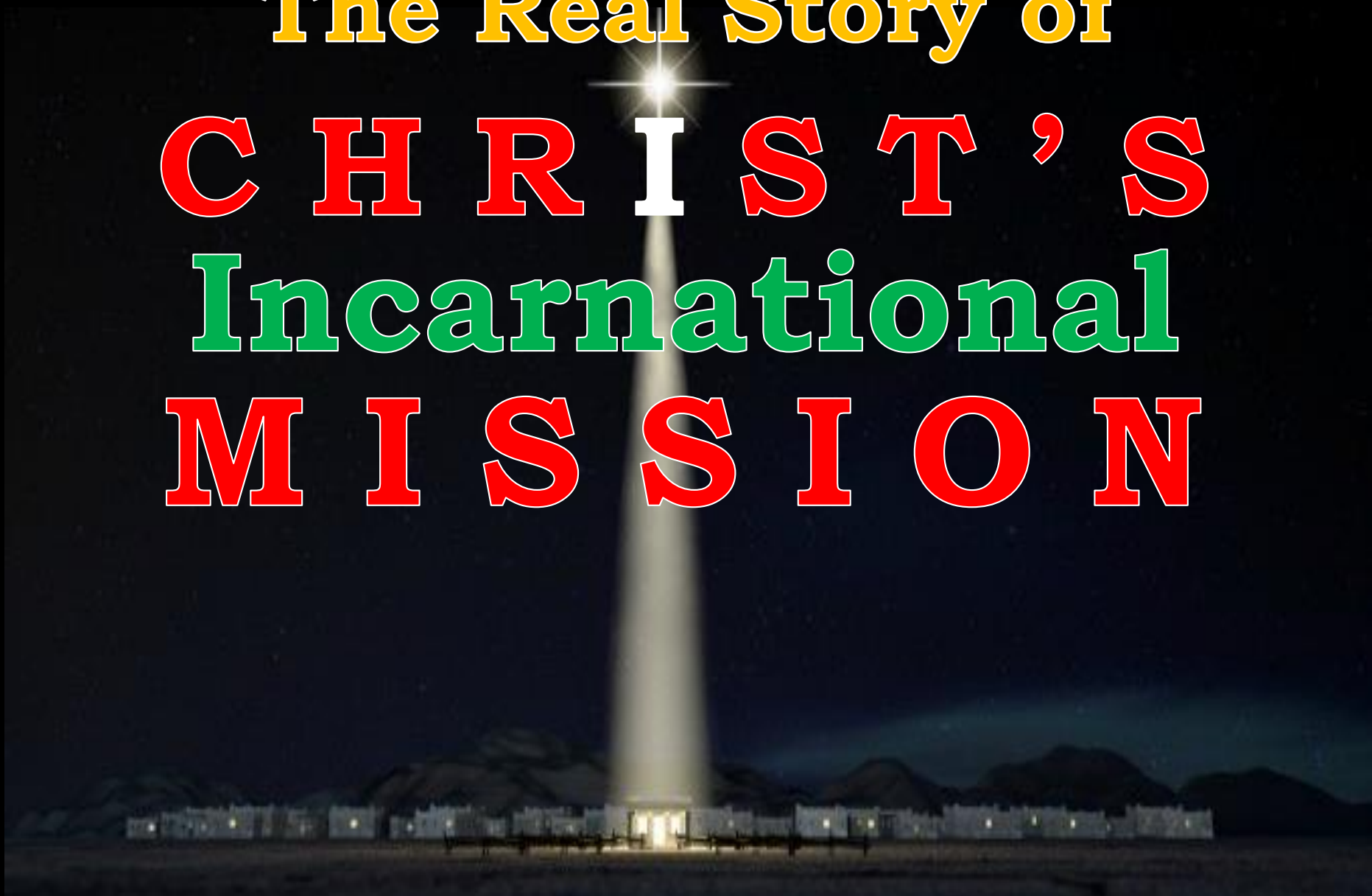


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Part 5

**Chosen by God to Appropriately
Magnify and Glorify His Name**

Questions

Do you know what it means to magnify God with your life?

Do you know how to magnify God in your everyday life?

How are you specifically magnifying God with your life on a daily basis?

Luke 1:26

**In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy,
God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth,
a village in Galilee,**

Luke 1:27

**to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged
to be married to a man named Joseph,
a descendant of King David.**

Luke 1:28

**Gabriel appeared to her and said,
“Greetings, favored woman!
The Lord is with you!”**

Luke 1:29

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

Luke 1:30

**“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her,
“for you have found favor with God!**

Luke 1:31

You will conceive and give birth to a son,
and you will name him Jesus.

Luke 1:32

He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

Luke 1:33

**And he will reign over Israel forever;
his Kingdom will never end!”**

Luke 1:34

Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

Luke 1:35

The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:36

What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age!

People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.

Luke 1:37

For the word of God will never fail.”

Luke 1:38

Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

Luke 1:39

**A few days later Mary hurried to the hill
country of Judea, to the town**

Luke 1:40

**where Zechariah lived. She entered
the house and greeted Elizabeth.**

Luke 1:41

**At the sound of Mary's greeting,
Elizabeth's child leaped within her,
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Luke 1:42

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, “God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed.

Luke 1:43

Why am I so honored, that the mother
of my Lord should visit me?

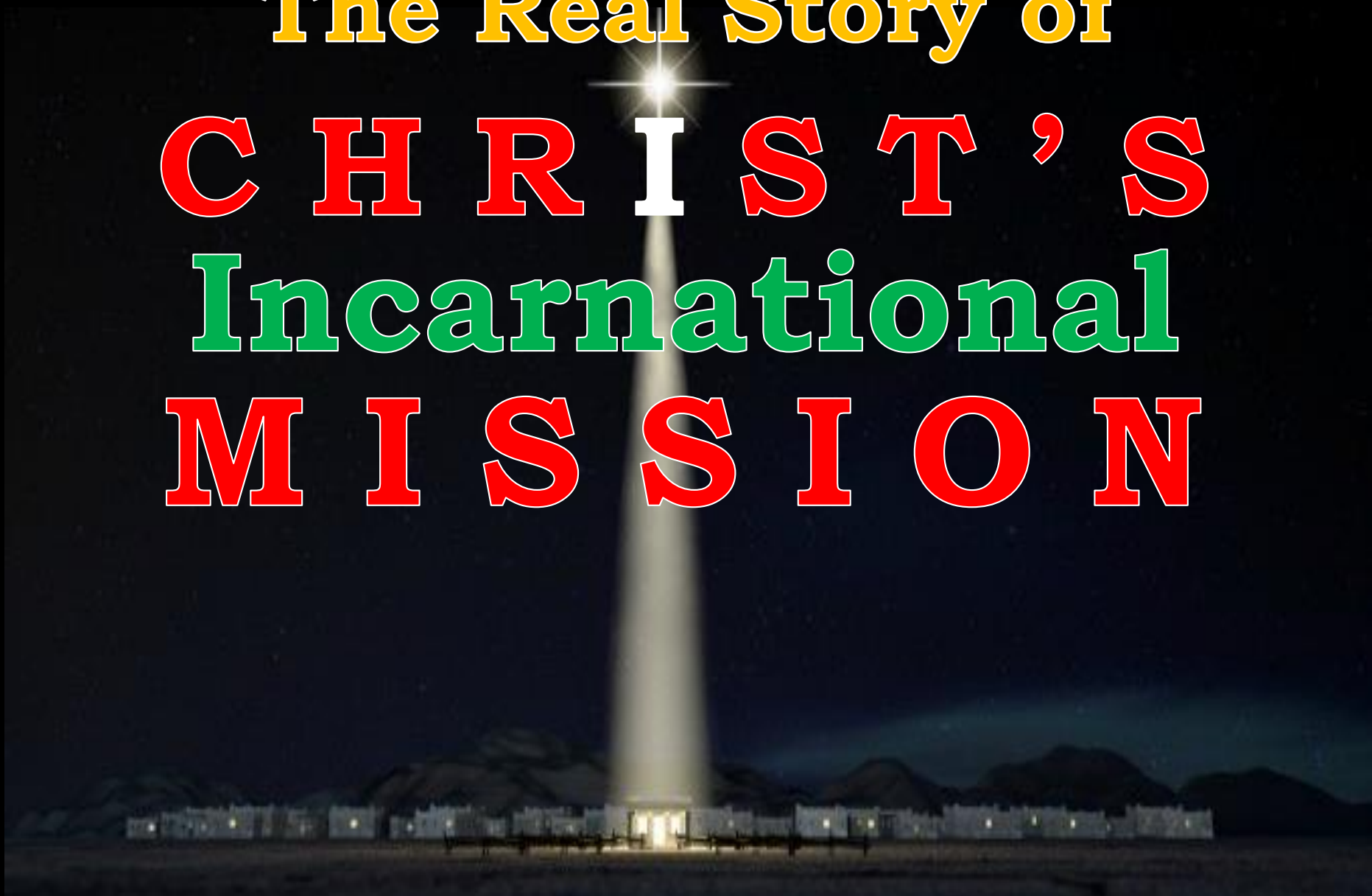
Luke 1:44

**When I heard your greeting,
the baby in my womb jumped for joy.**

Luke 1:45

You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.”

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Magnifying the Lord

To enlarge and sharpen someone's perspective of God so that they can have an accurate understanding of who He really is.

Principle #1

The reality of who God is and the reality of what He values, all of which can be found in the Bible, is more often than not, upside down and backwards in comparison to what many of us value, pursue, or think.

Principle #2

Christ's Incarnational Mission should cause us to re-examine our understanding of what type of people God chooses to magnify His holy name.

The Choosing of Mary

- **Another completely unexpected candidate: a nobody from nowhere.**
- **A lowly servant girl.**
- **No amazing credentials or resume.**
- **She was chosen at the worst possible time considering the fact that she was already engaged to Joseph.**

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The Choosing of Mary

- She was favored by God.
- A woman of faith, character, and integrity.
- She believes in God's promises.
- She trusts God.
- She surrenders to God's will regardless of the personal cost to her.

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Principle #4

To faithfully and appropriately magnify God daily, you must constantly commune with God for direction, insight, timing, and power.

Principle #5

Faithfully partnering with Jesus Christ to appropriately magnify the Lord means you will encounter unexpected circumstances, risks, and unfair circumstances.

Principle #6

When you are chosen by God to magnify and glorify His name, you can embrace the fact that He will empower you through the entire process.

Principle #7

Genuinely magnifying and glorifying God with your life is not about some kind of personal greatness you can achieve; it is about leading others to genuinely experience the same goodness of God that you have experienced.

Luke 1:45

**You are blessed because you believed
that the Lord would do what he said.”**

Luke 1:46

**Mary responded, “Oh, how my soul
praises the Lord.**

Luke 1:47

How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

Luke 1:48

For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,
and from now on all generations
will call me blessed.

Luke 1:49

For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me.

Luke 1:50

**He shows mercy from generation
to generation to all who fear him.**

Luke 1:51

His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

Luke 1:52

He has brought down princes from
their thrones and exalted the humble.

Luke 1:53

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away with empty hands.

Luke 1:54

**He has helped his servant Israel
and remembered to be merciful.**

Luke 1:55

**For he made this promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.”**

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