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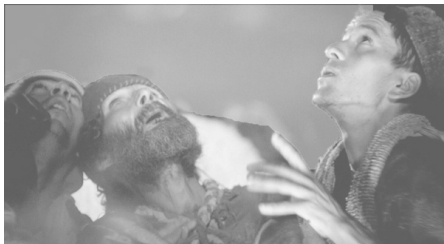
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**3) The “FEAR NOT” of the humanly impossible (Mary—Luke 1:26-33).** “Fear not, Mary” (v. 30). Mary was informed by God’s angel that the impossible would take place. She would bring forth a Son totally apart from a human father by the Holy Spirit. Such a pregnancy would arouse huge suspicions and accusations, but Mary was told not to fear.

**4) The “FEAR NOT” of Christ’s salvation (Shepherds—Luke 2:10-11).** “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy” (v. 10). The shepherds were terrified because the peaceful Bethlehem nighttime sky suddenly burst forth with brilliant light and spectacular glory, as if some cataclysmic event were about to happen. God’s angel quickly reassured them “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour” (v. 11).



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