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**What Did Mary Know?**

Luke 1:26-38

*Into a place of cultural and social outcasts (Nazareth), and a time of inconvenienced, angry people (controlled, taxed—first census registration [Lk. 2:2]), God stepped into history—into a particular context to strengthen a particular message—****GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and GOD IS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.***

*What Mary Knew…the three miracles of Christmas (outline idea from Saint Bernard of Clairvaux 1090-1153)*

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1. The Unthinkable—THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Unimaginable—THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The Unbelievable—HOW? I’M A VIRGIN—THE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**“fides quarens intellectum”**

Take-aways…

* God is
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* Every child (yet to be born) ...

CHRIST IS BORN IN YOU BY BELIEVING (1 Peter 1:23)

*“Should Christ be born a thousand times anew,*

*Despair, O man, unless he’s born in you.”*

(Angelus Selesius 1624-1677)