

Fourth Week of Advent  
Tuesday 22 December 2020

Reflection 24 – Day 24

***Marvel***

*“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.” (Luke 1.26-27)*

An angel came down from heaven! In fact, an angel was *sent* by God (so presumably sent from Heaven) to a virgin named Mary! The Virgin Mary then conceives a child by the Holy Spirit.

Because we have heard this story every year, we regularly forget to marvel at how chockfull of supernatural events this story is. We have the angel, Gabriel, coming down to Mary and telling her that she will have a baby, even though she is not even married. Thus we have the Son of God, the Word of God – the creative self-expression of God, the Creator of the universe, who has never not existed – coming down from Heaven and spending nine months in Mary’s womb before being born outside in a stable and lain in a cattle trough.

This Christmas, as we hear the story that we have heard every year, let us hear it again with fresh ears. Let us marvel again at how the Creator would become one his creatures. Let us spend time reflecting on how God wanted us to know him and have a relationship with him so much that he would become one of us!

Creator God,

How amazing it is that you want to know me so much that you would come down from heaven to spend time with me.

Thank you, Lord, for wanting to know me and for wanting me to know you. Help me to remember that amazing fact anew this Christmas.

Amen