



## **Behold.**

### **If we don't stop and behold Jesus Christ, we won't experience the life only God can give us.**

<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:31-35 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:18-21 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. <sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

<sup>15</sup> So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

<sup>16</sup> And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. <sup>18</sup> And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Luke 2:8-18 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" <sup>6</sup> And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Matthew 17:5-8 (NKJV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

2 Peter 1:16-17 (NKJV)



**Stop.**

**Stop and behold Jesus.**

**Those who behold Jesus will never be the same again.**



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**TEACHING SUMMARY:**

Behold is not a word we often use in our modern vocabulary. Behold is what we do when we gaze at something, contemplate about something, observe something that is remarkable, or stare at something that leads us to wonder and amazement.

The gospels are full of stories of men and women who beheld Jesus and were never the same again. Mary beheld Jesus. Mary stopped and took long notice when when the angel announced that she would be with child even though she had never been with a man. Her life was never the same again.

Peter beheld Jesus. He was left in wonder and amazement at the majesty of who He was. The Apostle John beheld the glory of Jesus who was full of grace and truth. John was never the same again.

For those who stop and behold Jesus, see Him as Savior, gaze at His majesty, and fix their eye on Him as their Lord—they will never be the same again. God longs to give life to those who behold His Son.

**TALK-IT-OVER:**

What is a favorite Christmas memory for you? What makes it so memorable?

What do you see in the world that causes us to stop focusing on Jesus?

What do you need to stop and let go of so you can behold Jesus?

What is one next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

Day 1) Hebrews 1:1-4

Day 2) Matthew 3:16-17

Day 3) Hebrews 12:1-3

Day 4) Ephesians 1:17-23, 2:4-10

Day 5) Hebrews 9:11-14, 10:11-12

Day 6) Romans 1:20-21, 1 John 3:1-10