



GOLDEN AGERS

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Merry Christmas!

Christmas is here! Finally! It seems so far away until December 1st & then it's like a boulder rolling down hill, picking up speed until it's suddenly here. How can something seem so far off and so close at the same time?

Imagine how long it seemed for Mary & Joseph. They thought they would be planning their wedding, but instead they find out they are having a baby & that they have to travel about 80-90 miles from their home in Nazareth to Bethlehem to be counted.

Oh, wait, it gets better. Joseph walked & Mary rode a donkey. It probably took about a week! A normal pace was 20 miles per day, but with Mary, they probably managed only 10 miles or less per day. For those of us who have been "great with child", I can confidently say that spending a week on a donkey sounds horribly painful.

But the Bible never mentions Mary complaining about the travel or the embarrassment of being pregnant before the wedding. In fact her response to the angel Gabriel was "**Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.**" ~ Luke 1:38

Mary gave a response of obedience and faith. A response so simple, so bold, and so profound. I love that God included all of these details for us.

I love that when told the impossible would happen, Mary asked a logical question that any of us would ask. "**How will this be, since I am a virgin?**" ~ Luke 1:34

The angel answered her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you...the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.**" ~ Luke 1:35

WOW! *Greatly troubled* doesn't begin to describe how I would be feeling if an angel appeared with a message that would turn my life upside down. But God knew Mary's heart and that's why she was chosen.

When God calls us to do something unexpected, something not logical, may we all respond like Mary. "**I am the servant of the Lord.**"

Now for the Important Stuff...

The Week of Dec. 28-Jan. 3 is:

- It's About Time Week
- Diet Resolution Week
- Silent Record Week

Some celebrations only last a day:

- 28th-**National Chocolate Day
 - Short Film Day
 - Pledge of Allegiance Day
- 29th-**Tick Tock Day
 - YMCA Song
- 30th-**Bacon Day
 - Falling Needles Day
- 31st-**National Champagne Day
 - No Interruptions Day
 - World Healing Day
 - Make Up Your Mind Day

On to January 2026

- 1st-** Copyright Law Day
 - Polar Bear Plunge Day
 - Ellis Island Day
 - Mummer's Parade
- 2nd-** National Buffet Day
 - Stop Spam Day
 - World Introvert Day
 - National Science Fiction Day
- 3rd-** Drinking Straw Day
 - Festival of Sleep Day
 - Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
 - National Play Outside Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church.

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol 🙄❤️

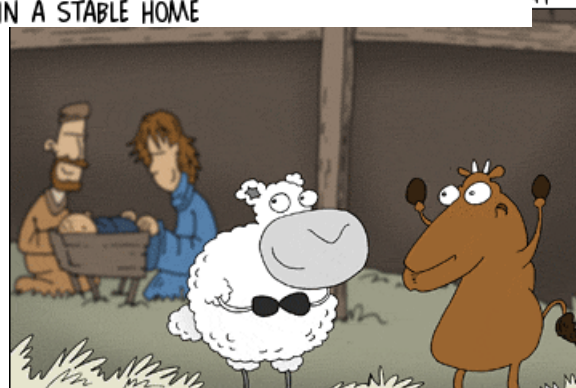
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Luke 7:23 ~ "Blessed are those who are not offended by me."

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AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT UP IN A STABLE HOME



Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2010
THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED IN THIS STABLE!

HOW THE LITTLE BANJO BOY BECAME A DRUMMER



The little accordion boy was politely asked to go away that night.

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CHRISTMAS EVE