



No Fear. Luke 2:1-20

NO FEAR What are you afraid of? The dark, spiders, heights, loud noises, cats, dogs? ITEMS

Something sudden, shocking, traumatic – a broken relationship, a serious illness, a disaster, a car crash, something amazing and imposing on a dark night! ITEMS

Don't be afraid – "Fear" not said he for mighty dread had seized their troubled minds!
THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

People lived in fear of angels – MARY - *"Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"*

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. He then said *"Don't be afraid.."*

FEARFUL MAN People are afraid of God? **FEAR VERSE** They've every reason to be! *For all have sinned and come short of God's glory.* Every Jew knew that God had often judged His people for wrongdoing in the past.

They might have thought that, but they misunderstood – God wasn't judging them but wanting to bless them:

HEAVENLY HOST 1 *"Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. 11 This very day in David's town your Saviour was born — Christ the Lord!"*

God hadn't sent an angel to deal with them, but an angel who would privilege them with good news – they were to be the first people called to witness the new born Jesus – the one who was going to save. They even got a concert!

How was Jesus going to save them from their sins? **HEAVENLY HOST 2** Died on the cross. John 3:16-17. God doesn't want to condemn people for what they have done, but to rescue them from it. Jesus opened a way we can ask God for forgiveness and for a way we can have a life-long and eternal relationship with God. *"I have come to bring you life, and life in all its fullness".*

Let me put you on the spot. Forget angels; **WHAT IF JESUS WERE TO COME INTO THE ROOM RIGHT NOW.** What would you say, what would you ask? Mmm. That makes you think doesn't it. Here's a short video clip which will make us focus our minds.

VIDEO – BREATH OF HEAVEN.

If Jesus was to walk into the room right now, what would you say to Him?

- It may be to ask those questions you never had answered?
- It may be I'm sorry, please forgive me – I want to follow You
 - I'm sorry that I've not achieved my potential in You.
 - - Please help me to live fully for you as I follow You each day.
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HE IS HERE Well by His Spirit He is here now. But as the video suggests, Jesus is also asking a question of you. **WILL YOU BE MY CHILD?** Prayer

Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year!