Angels and Dreams

     in the Christmas story

Matt 1:20-21, 2:12-13; Luke 2:9-11 **(refs)**

The local church:

1 Timothy 3:15 "the pillar and foundation of the truth"

~stay connected and grounded

~have a pastor and leaders

~avoid self appointed teachers and leaders

6 Instances of Angels and Dreams In the Christmas Story **(6 points...not sure how to space them, two on each slide??)**

1.Zacharias...Luke 1:11 "angel of the Lord appeared to him"

~400 years of silence!

~going to have a baby/forerunner to the Christ

~v19 angel Gabriel "stands in the presence of God"

~v24 Elizabeth conceived, Zacharias mute

2. Mary...Luke1:26-27 "Gabriel sent by God"

~v28-29 greeting and response

~v31-33 announcement

~v 34 "how?"

~v38 "ok"

3. Joseph...Matthew 1:19-21 "appeared to him in a dream"

~perplexed, wondering

~v20 "take Mary as wife"

~quotes Isaiah 7:14 **(ref)**

4. Shepherds...Luke 2:8-11, 13-14 **(refs)**

~ v9 "an angel"

~v11 greatest announcement!!

~v13 "multitude of angels praising God"

5. Magi...Matthew2:12 "divinely warned in a dream"

~go home a different way

~avoid Herod!

6. Joseph again...Egypt and Israel

~Matt 2:13 "go to Egypt"

~Matt2:19 "return to Israel"

~Matt 2:20 "Galilee"

Scripture Regarding Angels and Dreams:

~Angels: Psalm 91:11-12a "protect us"; Acts 27:23-15 "encourage us"; Heb 1:14 "minister to us"; Luke 15:10 "rejoice!"; 1 Thes 4:16 "shout when Jesus returns!"

~Dreams: OT Abraham, Abimelech, Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, Gideon, Solomon, Daniel

NT Pilates wife, Ananias, Cornelius and Peter, Paul, John

~Today: Acts 1:16-21 (Joel 2) **(refs)**

Angels and Dreams In The Christmas Story Remind Us: **(one slide?)**

1. Supernatural God...John 4:23**(ref)**

2. Order and Methods...1Cor 14:33 **(ref)**

3. Never Contradicts Word...Col 1:16 **(ref)**

4. Never Adds To Word ...Rev 22:18-19 **(ref)**

5. Angel Will Announce Lord's Return 1 Thes 4:16 **(ref);** and Will Fight Against Satan and Fallen Angels Rev 12 **(ref)**

"Angels and Dreams"

~Matthew 6:33 "seek first the Kingdom of God and al these things will be added to you"