**Christmas with The Chosen---The Messengers**

**January 2, 2022**

“People Must Know”

The Intersecting Storylines of the Episode:

* A.D. 48---a visitor to see Mother Mary in her later years
* 4 B.C.---the birth of Jesus from Mary and Joseph’s experience
* Luke recording the story of Jesus’ birth from first-hand accounts

Read Luke 1:26-38---the Messenger’s (Gabriel’s) visit with young Mary

 Luke 1:39-45---Mary visits Elizabeth

 Luke 1:46-56---Mary’s response after hearing what Elizabeth had to say

 Matthew 1:18-24---the visit by Joseph’s Messenger

 Luke 2:1-7---the birth of Jesus

 Luke 2: 8-20---the Angels announce Jesus’ birth to the shepherds

*Watch The Messengers episode and ending narrative/song*

What caught your attention the most in this Episode?

How would you feel about the following if you were in Mary or Joseph’s shoes?

 --the shame and gossip

 --the risks for both Mary and Joseph

 --the travel to Bethlehem

 --not finding a decent place to stay

 --the birth and swaddling cloths used for newborn lambs that were given to them

 --the shepherds who came to see after the angels’ announcement

What must people know?

On your own---watch the Chosen Christmas special released in 2020-- “The Shepherd”

Next session: January 9---Season 2, Episode 1—“Thunder”