

SAYING "YES"

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From the Gospel of Luke

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

LUKE 1:38

Reflection

Justice
O Holy Night
Yes

Merry Christmas, everyone! Recognizing that your day may be very full, a simple and uncomplicated reflection is humbly presented.

In considering the seasonal readings from Luke and Matthew, it is amazing how many people said "yes" to God. From Mary and Joseph, to Elizabeth and

Zachariah, to the Shepherds and Wise Men, in extraordinary and sometimes frightening circumstances, it was a "yes." Albeit, in some cases there was questioning and astonishment, but ultimately there were affirmative responses across the board. Pretty incredible.



Mary and Joseph Caressing Baby Jesus in Illuminated Manger ${\bf Image\ by\ EvgeniyShkolenko}$

For Pondering

On this day of gifting and celebration, imagine a package in your hand. How is it wrapped and decorated? What's in the package? Why, it's your gift to God.

For consideration: what's in the package? What is your "yes?" The package comes with a Christmas card for God -- what is your message?

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