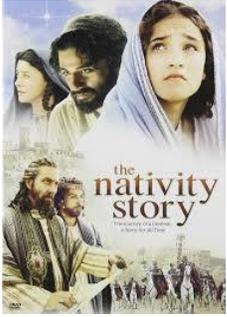


Advent II Ordinary People – Extraordinary God

In the scriptures and through *The Nativity Story*



As we watch part 2, write down scripture references quoted, shown, or hinted at. Blanks are given to help, but there may be more!

**A main theme in the movie is hope in prophesy (Word of God).
In part 2, watch for the theme of hope given through “signs”.**

Travel in those days

Safety? A young girl traveling alone? (What about today?)

“I’ll be back by the harvest”

How long was Mary gone? _____

“Please God, let Elizabeth be with child”

Signs given – are they universally recognized?

Why does the movie include the scene of the Roman soldiers as Mary is travelling?

Mary and Elizabeth _____

What does the movie focus on? What is left out?

[The Magi

Are they all in agreement?

How does their conversation parallel Mary and Elizabeth?

What decision is made for this movie about the star?

(We will focus more on this later...)

Zechariah

What was Zechariah doing for those 9+ months...?

How did he feel?

How did the days (not just the moment of greeting)
with Elizabeth and Zechariah affect Mary?

As the Magi prepare, how do they sound like ordinary people?

“my food, my cushions...”

Birth / Circumcision / Naming _____

What does the movie focus on? What is left out?

Zechariah and Elizabeth teaching _____(why choose this event?)

“You are a good father”

Why is this statement important

For Zechariah? For Mary?

Why show the executed rebels as Mary travels back to Nazareth?

How historically accurate is the conversation between Herod and Antipas?

Why does it matter?

Mary returns to Nazareth

How far along is Mary’s pregnancy?

What decisions are made (not given in scripture)

about Mary’s parents and Joseph discovering the pregnancy?

What is the “best scenario” Mary’s father can think of?

What are Joseph’s options

Claim the child:

Declare the child is not his:

“God’s will for this child is greater than my fear”

“I have told the truth. Whether you believe is your choice, not mine.”

When God calls you to something extraordinary,

What do we look for?

How do people react?