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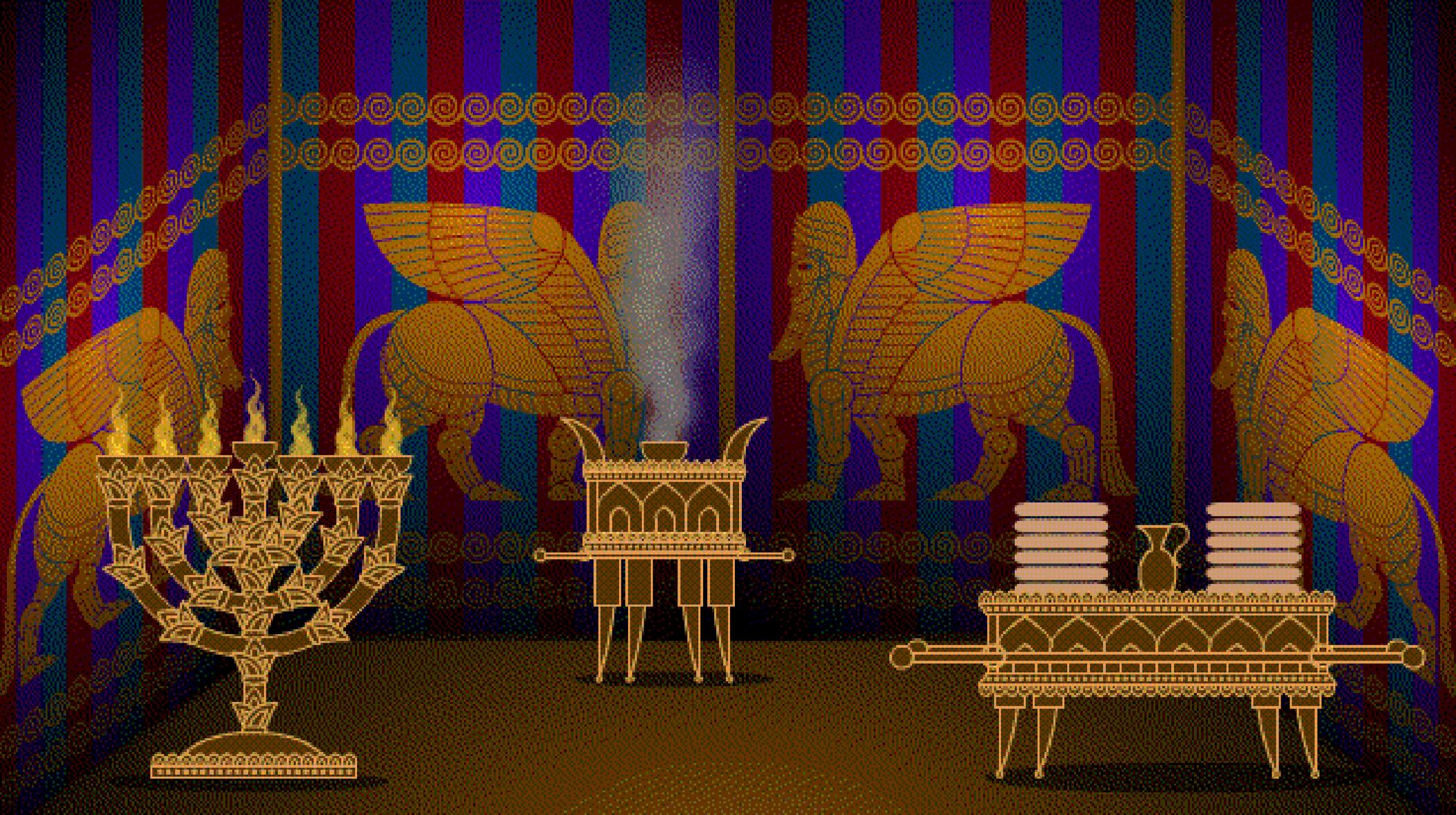


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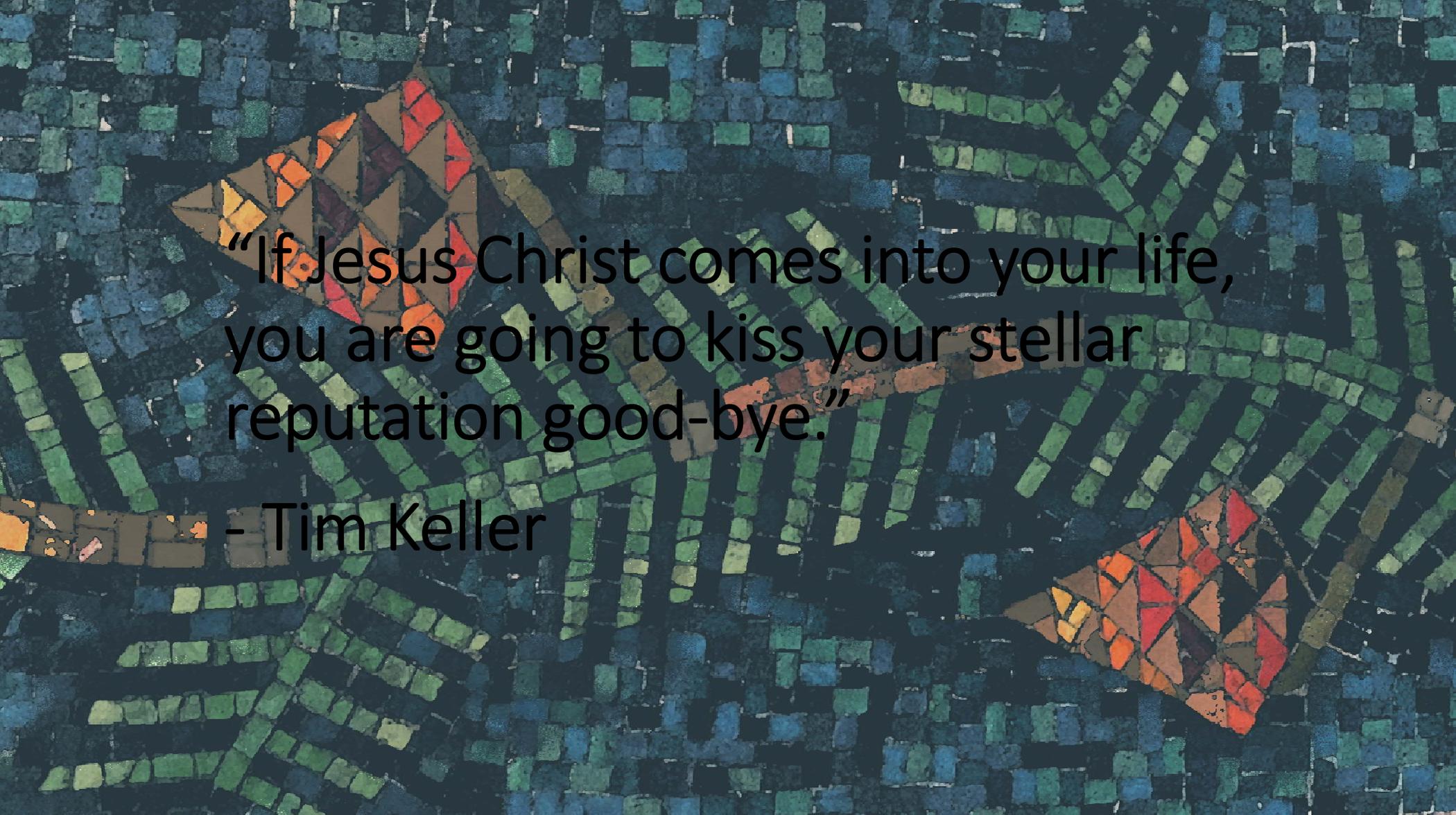




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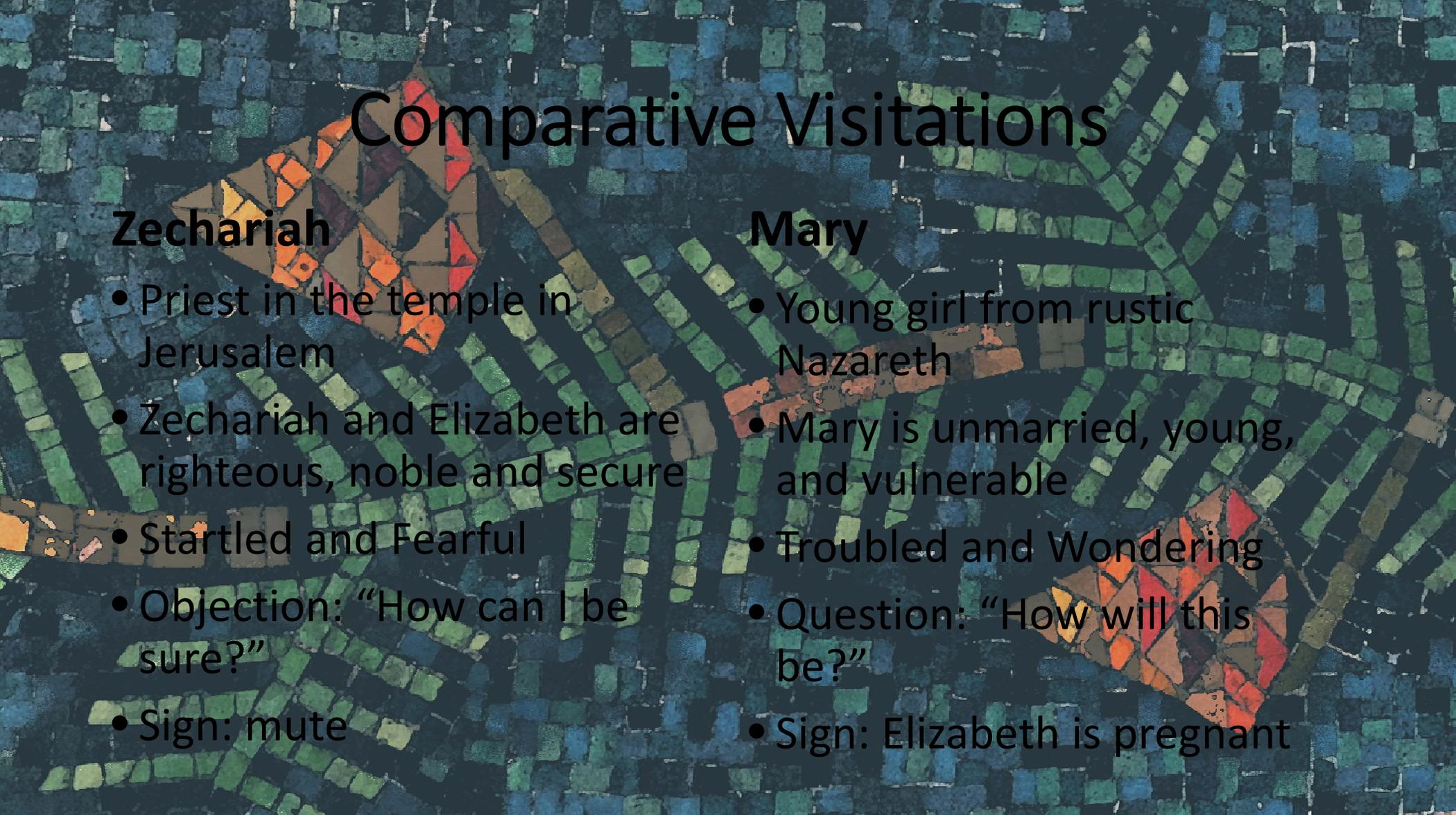
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A mosaic background featuring a central figure, possibly a cross or a stylized figure, composed of various colored tiles (red, orange, brown, green, blue). The figure is surrounded by a pattern of radiating lines, suggesting a sunburst or a starburst effect. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greens, and browns, with accents of red and orange.

“If Jesus Christ comes into your life,
you are going to kiss your stellar
reputation good-bye.”

- Tim Keller

Comparative Visitations



Zechariah

- Priest in the temple in Jerusalem
- Zechariah and Elizabeth are righteous, noble and secure
- Startled and Fearful
- Objection: “How can I be sure?”
- Sign: mute

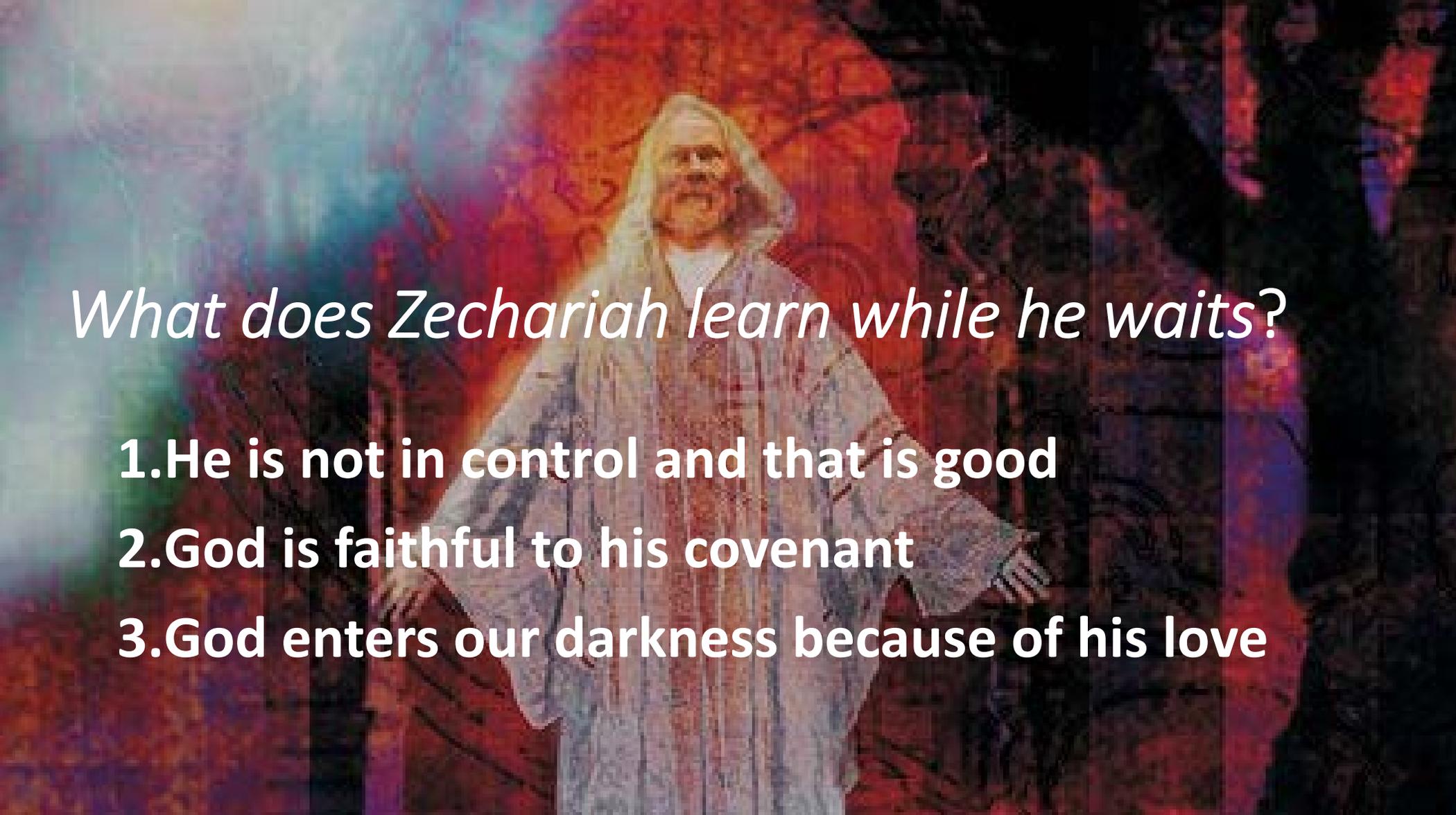
Mary

- Young girl from rustic Nazareth
- Mary is unmarried, young, and vulnerable
- Troubled and Wondering
- Question: “How will this be?”
- Sign: Elizabeth is pregnant



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Luke 1:67-79



What does Zechariah learn while he waits?

1. He is not in control and that is good

2. God is faithful to his covenant

3. God enters our darkness because of his love

Luke 1:76–79 (NIV)

⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”