

# What About... the Angels and Jesus?

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Angels were created by God in eternity past, to minister for Him and to give Him glory. Here we will examine the specific ministry of angels to Jesus.

## Predicting the Birth of Jesus

*The angel Gabriel was sent from God...to a virgin...named Mary....The angel said to her, "behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus" (Luke 1:26-35). ... an angel of the Lord appeared to him [Joseph]... saying, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, ... She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus..." (Matthew 1:18-23).*

## Announcing the Birth of Jesus

*An angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them [shepherds] ...and said to them, "... today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:8-12). And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest..." (Luke 2:13-15).*

## Protecting Jesus

*... an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child...and flee to Egypt...for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him" (Matthew 2:13). When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph... and said, "Get up, take the Child...go into the Land of Israel" (Matthew 2:19-21).*

## Strengthening Jesus

After being in the wilderness, being tempted by Satan, *Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him (Matthew 4:11).* In Gethsemane, on the night Jesus was arrested, *an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him (Luke 22:43).* When He was taken prisoner, Jesus said He could appeal to His Father God, *"...and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions [72,000] of angels."* They stood ready to deliver Him, but Jesus willingly went to the cross.

## Announcing the Resurrection of Jesus

*...an angel...rolled away the stone...The angel said, "...Jesus...is not here, for He has risen..." (Matthew 28:2-6).*

## Announcing the Ascension of Jesus

*Two men in white clothing...said, "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven..." (Acts 1:9-11).*

## In Heaven with Jesus

*Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels...had been subjected to Him (1 Peter 3:22).*

## Predicting the Return of Jesus

*This Jesus...will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven (Acts 1:11).*

## Accompanying Jesus at His Return

*When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne (Matthew 25:31). And let all the angels of God worship Him (Hebrews 1:6).*

## Gathering Mankind at the Return of Jesus

**The Believers**—*all the tribes of the earth...will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send for His angels...and they will gather together His elect... (Matthew 24:30-31).*

**The Unbelievers**—*The Son of Man will send forth His angels...and they will gather...all...those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:41-43).*

