

Christmas Study for Airdrie Baptist Church

December 19th 2021

Hark! The Herald Angel Says!

We're going to focus on the career of God's champion *explainer*. If you have a message that is vital for people to know, but extremely complicated to grasp, you need a good explainer. Explainers know how to connect in just the right way to get the essence of the message across without becoming bogged down in the details.

It seems that Gabriel was particularly gifted in communicating difficult concepts to humans. When it needed to be clear and unequivocal, when it needed to be phrased just right, Gabriel was the messenger for the job.

A. Gabriel and Daniel Daniel 8:16

1. Daniel receives a vision he doesn't understand – a ram and a he-goat
2. Seeking understanding, Daniel is instructed by Gabriel

B. Gabriel and Daniel Daniel 9:21

1. Daniel remembers Jeremiah's prophecy and needs answers
2. Gabriel comes to Daniel and explains God's plan

C. Gabriel and Zechariah Luke 1:11

1. Zechariah brings his priestly burden to the temple, needing reassurance
2. Gabriel comes to Zechariah and explains God's plan

D. Gabriel and Mary Luke 1:26

1. Mary is biding her time, minding her own business
2. Gabriel comes to Mary and upsets her plan by explaining God's plan