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### CINEMATIC CHRISTMAS #2

Common misbeliefs re: Mary & the virgin birth

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What are we to do with Mary? Venerate her? Dismiss her?

She is NOT to be:

- an object of our faith
- dismissed out of faith

She IS to be an example of faith

Luke 1:26-38 | Matthew 1:18-25

So, what's Mary got going for her?

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**J. Gresham Machen**  
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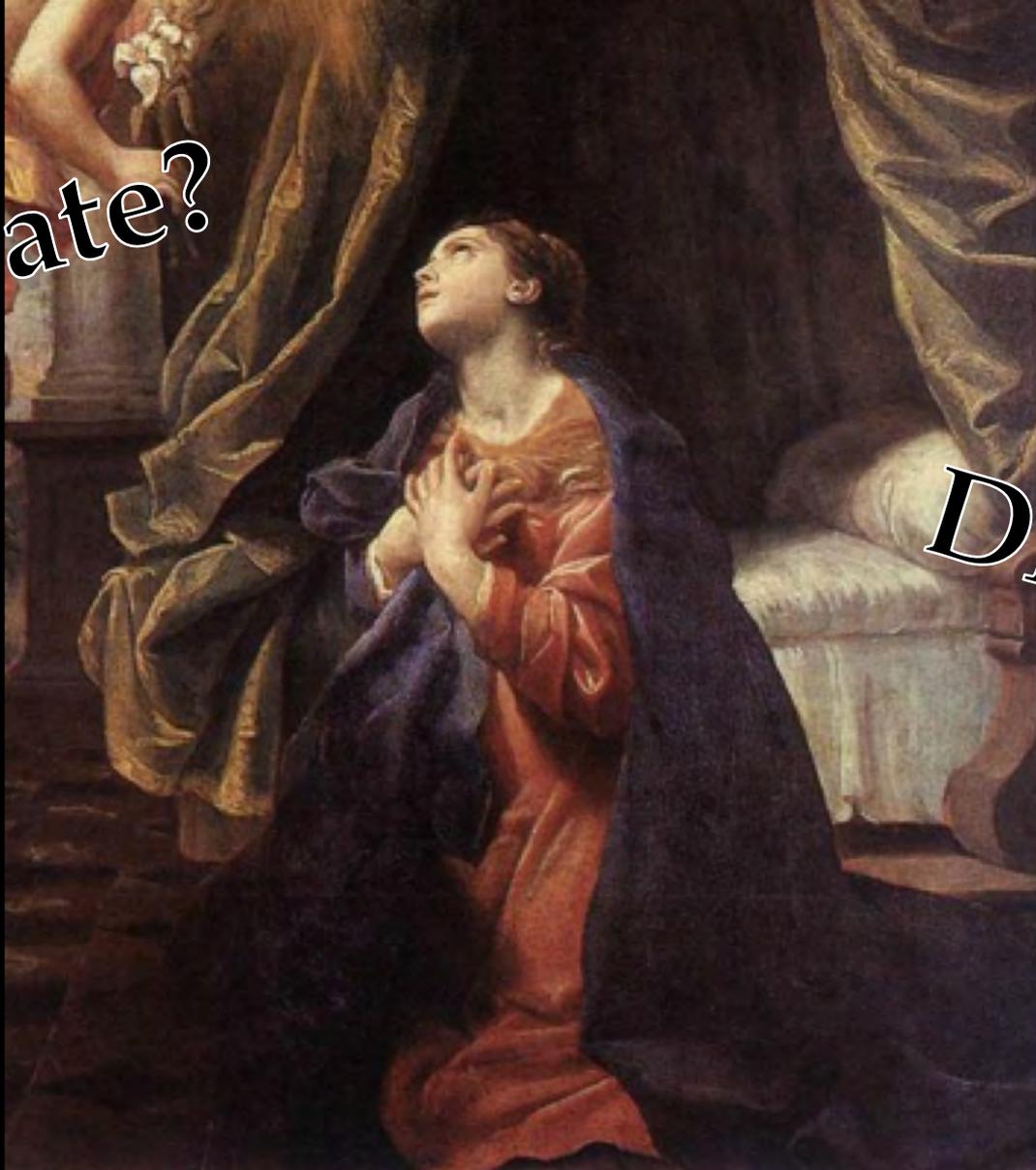
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# The call to faith in God

- #1 - We are impotent
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# Worship the Son!

## Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.