

# The Power WithEN: Endifference

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Indifference can be defined as a state of *emotional detachment* where a person is *unwilling to make a decision* or *take a stance*. It reflects a *lack of commitment or conviction*, resulting in *hesitation* and an avoidance of choices, often *leaving matters unresolved* due to a *lack of concern or direction*.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, *but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit*.

#### Matthew 1:18

"I would like to ask Jesus Christ if he was indeed virgin-born. The answer to that question would define history."

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

#### **Matthew 2:1-3**

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause *the falling and rising of many* in Israel, and to be *a sign that will be spoken against*, so that the *thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.*"

### Luke 2:34-35

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

#### Matthew 16:13-16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and *the Word was God*. He was with God in the beginning. Through him *all things were made*; without him nothing was made that has been made. *In him was life*, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

# John 1:1-4

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might

believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

### John 1:6-8

"Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

### Luke 1:16-18

Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions?"

## 1 Kings 18:21