



Another year is almost over and for many of us 2023 has been filled with joys, sorrows, and challenges. Christmas can be a time that brings added stress for us all. Financial stress and emotional stress such as loneliness and sadness are caused through the loss of a loved one, or a broken relationship, or illness. We often look forward to it being all behind us so that we can get back to “normality”.

Is this really what Christmas it is all about?

Christmas is about Jesus. It is about a loving God who sent His Son to live among us and who knows and understands the ups and downs of life but has promised to always be with us and to carry us.

Let us remember to put Christ back into Christmas and as we go into the New Year may we put our hand into the hand of God and let Him lead us.

A quote from a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins says:

**I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied,
'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!'**

May you know the joy, peace, and love of God as you celebrate Christmas with your family, friends and loved ones and may you know God's blessing as you go forward into the New Year.

Christmas Blessings to you and your loved ones.

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I trust you enjoy this as much as I do. You may need to turn the sound down a little but the words are inspiring.. Do we know this Jesus?

[\[Official Video\] Mary, Did You Know - Pentatonix - Bing video](#)

**Mary, did you know
That your baby boy will one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know,
That your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered,
Will soon deliver you.**

**Mary, did you know
That your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know
Your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know,
That your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby,
You've kissed the face of God.**

**The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb.**

**Mary, did you know
That your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know,
That your baby boy is heaven's perfect lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding, is the great I AM.**