“In Lewis Carroll’s children’s classic, “Through the Looking Glass”, the White Queen advises Alice to practice believing six impossible things before breakfast each day. Every Christmas, Christians would do well to take the same advice. How else are we to prepare ourselves for the preposterous story we are about to hear again about how God decided to abandon heaven for earth, trading power and might for diapers and a teething ring? And how his mother could not say how it happened, exactly, although his mother’s husband knew for sure that it had nothing whatsoever to do with him?”

-Barbara Brown Taylor