

THE DIVINE INTERVENTION – PART II

“Mary – The Chosen One”

Luke 1:26-38

God’s people have been waiting for Centuries for the messiah to come, and the time is at hand. God set a sequence of events in motion that would lead to the birth of the Messiah. Of all the women in Israel, who would be the one that God would choose to bear the Savior? What kind of woman would she be: rich and famous, highly educated, of royal pedigree? Today’s passage reveals that the chosen one possessed none of these qualities. In fact, God chose the one whom you would least expect to be the mother of the Son of God.

#1. THE CHOSEN ONE – THE VISIT FROM GABRIEL, v. 26

- A. Gabriel stands in the presence of God, v. 19
- B. Gabriel is sent at the time ordained of God

#2. THE CHOSEN ONE – HER PROFILE, vv. 26-27

- A. Mary means “exalted”, v. 26
- B. Mary is from Nazareth, v. 26
- C. Galilee was near the region of the Gentiles, (Isa 9:1), v. 26
- D. Galilee was economically depressed, v. 26
- E. Mary was betrothed to Joseph (descendent of David), v. 27
- F. Mary was a virgin, v. 27
- G. Mary was a teenager, v. 27
- H. Mary was related to Elizabeth, v. 36

#3. THE CHOSEN ONE – WHY DID GOD CHOOSE MARY?, vv. 28-30

- A. Greetings, you are highly favored, v. 28
- B. The Lord is with you, v. 28
- C. Mary was apprehensive, v. 29
- D. Don’t be afraid, v. 30
- E. You have found favor (*charis*) with God, v. 30

#4. THE CHOSEN ONE – HER MISSION, vv. 31-33

- A. Mary will have a son named Jesus, v. 31
- B. He will be great, v. 32
- C. He will be called Son of the Most High, v. 32
- D. He will have the throne of his father David, v. 32
- E. He will reign over Jacob forever, v. 33
- F. His kingdom will never end, v. 33, (Dan 2:44, 2 Sam 7:16, Ps. 89:4, 27-28)

#5. THE CHOSEN ONE – HER QUESTION, vv. 34-37

- A. I’m a virgin how can this be?, v. 34
- B. The Holy Spirit will come upon you, v. 35
- C. The power of the Most High will overshadow you, v. 35
- D. The Holy One to be born is the Son of God, v. 35
- E. Elizabeth is pregnant, v. 36
- F. Nothing is impossible with God, v. 37

#6. THE CHOSEN ONE – HER RESPONSE, v. 38

- A. I am the Lord’s servant (*slave*)
- B. May it be to me as you have said
- C. Mary submitted to God’s will for her

NOTES:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Of all the people in Israel, why do you think God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus?
- #2. Discuss the difference between being betrothed in the First Century and engaged in today's world.
- #3. How would you describe Mary's response to Gabriel's appearance?
- #4. How would you compare Mary's response to Zechariah's response regarding Gabriel's appearance and announcement?
- #5. Discuss the features of the Messiah (vv. 31-33) and tie this into the other Scriptures on the outline.
- #6. Do you think Mary felt pressure being called upon by God to do such an important task in world redemption?
- #7. Mary asked the question: "How can this be since I am a virgin?" How can we explain the miraculous conception of Jesus?
- #8. How was it that Jesus was born sinless given the fact that Mary was a sinner? Does this mean that Mary was sinless?
- #9. In v. 38 Mary submits to God's mission for her life. In what way(s) do you think Mary understood the controversy that would surround Her? What would Joseph think? What would her parents think? What would her in-laws think? What about her neighbors?
- #10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome To Hillcrest Church Merry Christmas!

"Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Luke 1:30-32

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This morning we light the candle which symbolizes faith.

JOIN US ONLINE FOR

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday Prayer at 6:30.  Click the "online meeting room" on the website: Hillcrestroseville.com. The week of the 19th and 26th we will break for the holidays.

DECEMBER 18th - OPEN HOUSE AT PASTOR BRUCE'S PLACE

Everyone is invited to stop in at Pastor Bruce's house and have some snacks and refreshments between 1:00 – 4:00.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 19TH AFTER THE SERVICE

Bring a dish to share

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IS AT 7PM (NO ZOOM)

PLACE GIFTS FOR CIRBY SCHOOL IN BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

Make sure you have the child's name on the package and put a card inside identifying yourself as the giver.

YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Every Saturday at 10:00, arrive early so we can start on time. **No** yoga on December 18, 25 and January 1.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

WORSHIP PRACTICE IS AT 7PM EVERY FRIDAY

Unless notified otherwise