

GOD WITH US – PART III
“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 (between 12 & 14 years old), 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 a thinker, 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

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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. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Luke 1:30-32

December 11, 2021

Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This morning we light the rose colored candle which symbolizes love. Pastor Bruce is continuing his Christmas series "God With Us."

DECEMBER 17th - OPEN HOUSE AT PASTOR BRUCE'S PLACE

Everyone is invited to stop in at Bruce & Carol's house for snacks and refreshments between 12:00 – 3:00.

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

This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to hear the Christmas story.

NO SERVICE CHRISTMAS DAY

Since Christmas Eve is Saturday night at 7pm, so there will be no Sunday morning Christmas Day service.

PLACE GIFTS FOR CIRBY SCHOOL BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Make sure you have the child's name on the package(s).

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY FOR 2023

We would like to see everyone included in our Hillcrest church directory. Check to see if your contact information is correct.

There is a form at the information station in back of the sanctuary that you can fill out.

ONLINE GATHERINGS – DECEMBER 13 & 14 ARE THE LAST MEETINGS OF THE YEAR.

We will resume in January. Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

YEAR END GIVING TO THE GREAT COMMISSION FUND (GCF)

As we come to the end of 2022 we are mindful of the importance of supporting all our missionaries through the GCF. Would you consider a generous year end offering to the GCF. You can designate "GCF" in the memo of your check.

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).

YEAR END GIVING TO THE BUILDING FUND

Please consider giving generously to our building fund, which helps pay for our remodeling projects on the facility. We have made great progress upgrading our building because we had the funds to pay for the materials.