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What About Mary

Luke 1:26-38

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

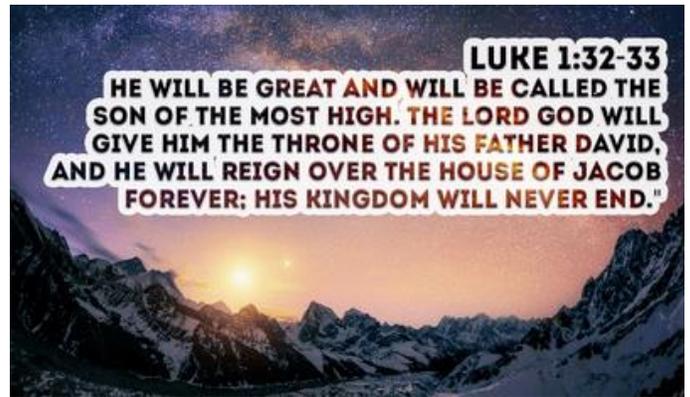
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



The Sunday before Christmas we will look at what God asks of Mary. In the first chapter of Luke the angel comes to Mary and tells her that she is chosen and favored by God. He says that Mary will have a baby and to name Him Jesus, that He will be the Son of God. There is little debate that this turned Mary's life upside down. It changed everything from her expectations of her wedding day to her relationship with Joseph. It was an honor for Mary but it was also a lot to ask. This week we will look at the incredible faithfulness of Mary as she gives birth to the Son of God. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Luke 1:26-38 (NET)

Birth Announcement of Jesus the Messiah

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled by his words and began to wonder about the meaning of this greeting. ³⁰ So the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! ³¹ Listen: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I have not been intimate with a man?" ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ "And look, your relative Elizabeth has also become pregnant with a son in her old age—although she was called barren, she is now in her sixth month! ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ So Mary said, "Yes, I am a servant of the Lord; let this happen to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Does Mary have any objections?

9. What does the angel tell Mary about her status?

10. What does the angel say about Jesus?

11. How is His kingdom never ending?

12. How is David His father?

13. What does the term Son of God mean?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Is there anything in this passage that you noticed for the first time this year?

15. Does this make Mary's life better? How so?

16. Should we expect following Jesus to make our life better?

17. Why is it important for us to see Jesus as the Son of God?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes