

SERVANTS OF CHRISTMAS

ORDINARY PEOPLE IN AN EXTRAORDINARY PLAN

Sunday Morning, December 3, 2023 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Mary—A Handmaid of the Lord

Message Text: Luke 1:26-38

Introduction:

The Christmas narrative is full of wonder...and servants! Jesus took upon Himself the form of a servant. Mary identified herself as a servant. Joseph acted with obedience like a servant. The shepherds, Simeon and Anna all knew humble service to the Lord and others. What a marvel that this is the way the King of all Kings came into the world. As we begin our Christmas series, let's consider the life of Mary—the handmaid of the Lord.

1. A _____ Woman (26-30)

A. Her _____ Living (27)

Luke 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph...

SHE WAS A VIRGIN

NOTE — Since Jewish girls married young, it is likely that Mary was a teenager when the angel appeared to her. —Weirsbe

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

SHE WAS ESPOUSED TO JOSEPH

NOTE — Espousal was legal, public, permanent. Breaking espousal was considered divorce.

Matthew 1:19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

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B. Her _____ Linage (27b)

Luke 1:27 ...of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Isaiah 11:1–2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

QUOTE: Matthew emphasizes Jesus as the royal son of Abraham and son of David. Luke traces Jesus' descent back to Adam to show that He is the Son of God. —Lexham Bible Dictionary

C. Her _____ Relationship with God (28)

Luke 1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

DEFINITION—FAVOURED: to be grace-bestowed; to be or become the recipient of God's freely bestowed, beneficent goodwill.

NOTE — "...the Lord is with thee..." speaks of Mary's personal relationship with the Lord.

1 Peter 5:5 ...God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Isaiah 57:15 ...I dwell in the high and holy place, With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit...

DEFINITION—CONTRITE: a person who expresses sorrow or pain over sin.

2. A _____ Birth (31-27)

A. The _____ Birth (31-33)

MESSIAH — Promised One

Luke 1:31–33 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

TRUTHS ANNOUNCED BY THE ANGEL: (BBC)

1. The real _____ of the Messiah—*thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son...*
2. His _____ and His mission as Savior—...*and shalt call His name JESUS.*
3. His essential _____—*He shall be great...*
4. His _____ as the Son of God—...*and shall be called the Son of the Highest...*
5. His title to the _____ of David—*the Lord God shall give Him the throne of His father David.*
6. His everlasting and universal _____—...*He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.*

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

B. A _____ Conception (34-37)

Luke 1:34–37 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Matthew 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

QUOTE: The conception shall be caused by the third person of the Godhead; he shall not operate from a distance but shall himself come upon Mary; he shall work the conception by his almighty power; and this shall occur when, like the Shekinah (Exod. 40:34–38), the power shall overshadow Mary. —Lenski

Note — Jesus did not have an earthly father and therefore the sin nature did not pass on to Him.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Galatians 4:4–5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

3. A _____ Response (38)

A. She Affirmed Her _____ (38a)

Luke 1:38a And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord...

DEFINITION—HANDMAID: servant, female slave

Luke 1:48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

B. She Affirmed Her _____ (38b)

Luke 1:38b ...be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

BE IT UNTO ME ACCORDING TO THY WORD

Conclusion



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