



Mary

Luke 1:26-38

A. Why to When, Where, and Who?

1. When and Where: First Century Nazareth
“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee...”
Luke 1:26 (NIV)

2. Who: Mary and Joseph
“...to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendent of David.” Luke 1:27a-b (NIV)

3. Who: Mary
“The virgin’s name was Mary.” Luke 1:27c (NIV)

“I would like to ask Him (Jesus) if He was indeed virgin born, because the answer to that question would define history.” Larry King (Talk Show Host and self-proclaimed atheist in 2015)

B. To Prepare the Way for Salvation.

1. Gabriel gave hope right away.
“The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.’” Luke 1:28 (NIV)

2. Mary was a bit confused.
“Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.’” Luke 1:29-30 (NIV)

3. Gabriel gave prophetic context.
“‘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. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; His kingdom will never end.’”
Luke 1:31-33 (NIV)

4. Mary wanted more clarity.
“‘How will this be,’ Mary asked the angel, ‘since I am a virgin?’ The angel answered, ‘The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.’”
Luke 1:34-35

5. Gabirel’s last words were hopeful.
“‘Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.’”
Luke 1:36-37 (NIV)

C. Questions of Application

1. What Nazareth moments are in your life—places or people you’ve overlooked—but God wants to use for His glory?
“‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and My ways are not your ways,’ says the Lord. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’”
Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLV)

2. Faith does not mean we have complete understanding. What clarification do you need from God?
“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.” 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NKJV)

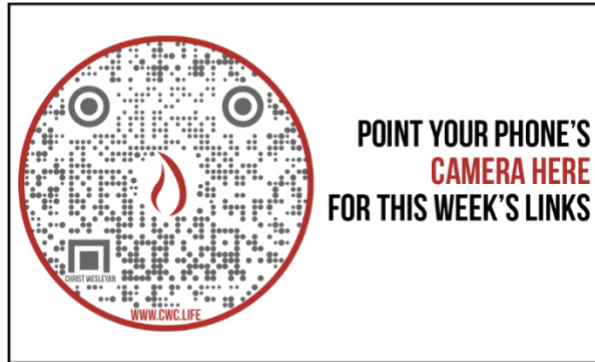
3. Is there room in your heart/life for Jesus?
“‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May your word to me be fulfilled.’ Then the angel left her.”
Luke 1:38 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

God transcends our elevated value systems.

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Week 3: Messengers: From Heaven to Earth
Milton Campus: Pastor Caleb Swartz
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 64.2% of goal

Giving year to date: 79.8% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,794

Salvations to date: 188 | Baptisms to date: 61

“Reach the One” Campaign Update:

\$1,424,531 pledged with 131 pledges received.

\$413,796.58 total received YTD

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Christmas @ Christ Wesleyan!

December 14: Christmas Encounter 6p

December 24: Christmas Eve: Candle Lighting service

Milton Campus: 3p, 4:30p, 6p

Sunbury Campus: 3p and 4:30p

December 29: “Culture Wars: A Morning with Ruslan”

LIVE Morning Guest Speaker: Ruslan KD

(YouTube Influencer.)

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