

HE IS COMING, PART 4

BE AVAILABLE

Luke 1:26-38

God has a plan to change the world, and ordinary people can be a part of it.

What do we learn about Mary?

1. She was from a rather despised town in Israel.
2. She was legally engaged to Joseph, a descendant of David.
3. She was sexually pure during her engagement and a virgin at her wedding.
4. She was probably a teenager, perhaps 12-16 years old, when visited by Gabriel.
5. She was an ordinary and unexpected recipient of God's amazing grace-favor.
6. She was puzzled by God's sovereign plan but kept seeking answers to her questions.
7. She was a true servant of the Lord, totally surrendered to doing God's will.
8. She was courageous enough to endure the misperceptions of her unique pregnancy.

What do we learn about Mary's Son?

1. He will be supernaturally conceived.
2. He will be named Jesus.
3. He will be great.
4. He will be called the Son of the Most High.
5. He will receive the throne of his father David.
6. He will reign forever in a kingdom that will never end.

What do we learn about Mary's God?

1. God always keeps his promises, even if they seem a long time in coming.
2. God is sovereign in salvation and takes the initiative to rescue his people.
3. God delights in doing extraordinary things through ordinary people.
4. God is a grace-filled 'gentleman' who is overshadowing but not overbearing.
5. God can do anything his character allows—nothing is impossible with him!

Challenge: Making it personal

1. Will you dare to believe that God can use you regardless of age, race, gender, status, etc.?
2. Will you strive to be set apart as a fit vessel for Christ-in-you?
3. Will you be courageous enough to endure the consequences of fulfilling your call?
4. Will you surrender your plans to God and say, "Be it unto me according to your word"?
5. Will you release your most treasured gifts for the expansion of God's Kingdom?