

Below are follow up questions for you to consider related to today's message *Mary's Story*; Luke 1:26-38.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 1:26-38.
2. When you picture the scene what emotions do you feel? Does it seem hard to believe?
3. What are the things that made Jesus great? What does it mean to be 'king forever'?
4. Does the virgin birth seem like a 'fairy tale'? Why or why not?
5. What is the greatest and most difficult aspect of the incarnation? Why is it so important for Jesus to be fully human and fully God?
6. How does Mary's simple, and yet bold faith affect you?
7. Mary viewed herself as a servant of the most high. Where do you find your identity?
8. How does this story impact your story?

Quotes from the Message:

"I believe in Jesus Christ, [God's] only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary..." - Apostles' Creed

"...the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child...The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the incarnation." - J. I. Packer, *Knowing God*, p. 46.

"In the middle of all this drama stands Mary, God's listening, humble, willing servant, who comes to see that God has the power to bring his plan to pass. So Mary has the attitude of a model saint. God can do great things for his cause and can use anyone or anything to accomplish it (1:37)." - Darrell Bock, *Luke 1:1-9:50*, p. 127.

Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee - Henry van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven

Shout Hosanna - Brett Younker, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Kristian Stanfill

Open the Eyes of My Heart - Paul Baloche

Rock of Ages - Thomas Hastings and Augustus Montague Toplady

Emmanuel (Hope of Heaven) - Jeff Pardo, Seth Condrey, and Steve Fee

O Come O Come Emmanuel - Henry Sloane Coffin, Thomas Helmore, and John Mason Neale

Worship Leader: Matt McCartney

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Next week: Joseph's Story; Matthew 1:18-25