

“MARY”

Luke 1:26-38



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## MESSENGERS OF GRACE

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- ▶ If that's who Mary's Son was, why does it matter? Why does it matter to you?

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- ▶ How was Jesus able to be born from a sinful woman but be without sin (Heb. 4:15) (v. 34-35)?
- ▶ What part of your life do you feel powerless over right now?
- ▶ What truth is found in Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19, and why does it matter in those areas in which you feel powerless?

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### Things for Prayer:

- ▶ Thank God for the ways he has shown you grace.
- ▶ Praise Jesus for both his glory in being God the Son as well as taking on flesh for you.
- ▶ Ask the Holy Spirit to show his power in any area you feel powerless to change.



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## Scripture Passages Used:

**Luke 1:26** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

**Luke 1:34** And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

**Luke 1:35** And the angel answered her, "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 called holy—the Son of God. **36** And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37** For nothing will be impossible with God." **38** And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Col. 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**Heb. 1:2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**Rom. 8:9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

**1Cor. 3:16** Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

**1Cor. 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

## **Additional Thoughts for Leaders**

## **For More Study of the Passage**

**Observation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interpretation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer:** \_\_\_\_\_