

Why God Chose Mary
Luke 1:26-55
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All Scripture referenced is English Standard Version

* God can use you and _____ to use you

Misconceptions about Mary:

- * The Bible does not say we are to _____ Mary
- * The Bible does not say she was _____ or sinless
- * The Bible does not say she was God
- * The Bible does not say we are to regard her with the deepest _____
or reverence

What makes Mary special?

* She was _____

Why did God choose Mary?

- * It was not because of her _____ She didn't have any
- * It was not because of her _____ She was poor
- * It was not because she was _____ She was a teenager
- * God chose Mary because she _____ him

"...the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary." Luke 1:26-27

Mary's initial reaction

"But she was greatly troubled at the saying and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, `Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'" Luke 1:29-30

* "Greatly troubled" means petrified, scared to _____

Possible fears of Mary:

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| * Fear of _____ | "What will everyone think?" |
| * Fear of the supernatural | "What will happen to me?" |
| * Fear of _____ | "How can I handle this?" |
| * Fear of _____ | "How will this change my life?" |

The type of person God uses

a) God uses people who desire _____

Why did God choose to come as a baby?

1. God did not want to _____ us
2. God came into the world like everybody else--by a _____

"And Mary said, `My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant..." Luke 1:46-48

Two attitudes you must have if God is going to work in your life in a great way

> _____

- It's not a matter of _____ or tolerance
- It's a matter of _____
- Where does enthusiasm come from?

* Two Greek words -- "en" and "theos" which means "in _____"

* If you get "in God" you will be *enthusiastic!!!*

> _____

- None of us _____ to be used by God
- God works in our lives because he _____ it
- God gives us what we need, not what we deserve

David said, "I delight to do your will, O my God..." Psalm 40:8

Paul said, "...we make it our aim to please (God)." 2 Corinthians 5:9

How do you know when you really want God's will first in your life?

> By _____ to him often

"Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." Luke 2:19

What do you desire to do most?

"...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

b) God uses people who decide _____

* You have to step out in _____

God's plan: Luke 1:31-33

Mary's response: "And Mary said, `Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done according to your word.'" Luke 1:38

The cost Mary paid to be the mother of Jesus Christ

> It cost Mary her _____

- She was a virgin
- She was _____
- She was engaged to Joseph

- Jesus was thirty years old before he performed his first miracle to _____ he was who he said he was

The point is: if you get serious about God's plan for your life, there are going to be people who will misunderstand you, misjudge you, _____ you, etc.

- > It cost Mary her _____

Jesus said, "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost..." Luke 14:27-28

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ." Philippians 3:7

What are you willing to give up?

c) God uses people who dare _____

- > Courage does not mean you're not _____
- > Courage is not the absence of _____
- > Courage is moving ahead in spite of your fear
- > Courage is _____

"And Mary said to the angel, 'How will this be, since I am a virgin?' 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. For nothing will be impossible with God.'" Luke 1:34-35, 37

- The reason God does not do miracles in your life is because you don't _____ him to

- When you're doing God's will and it's scary:

- * Don't worry -- _____
- * Don't panic -- pray and _____

Jesus said, "...What is impossible with men is possible with God." Luke 18:27

Elizabeth said to Mary, "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord..." Luke 1:45

- The secret of overcoming the "fear of the unknown" is by _____ on what you do know

- What do we know?
 - * God _____ you
 - * You _____ to God
 - * God has your best interest at _____
 - * God knows what will make you _____ more than you do

Conclusion:

How much do you trust God?