

## “SO WHAT ABOUT THIS MARY GIRL?”

### I. Hebrews 1:1-4 Luke 1:26-38

A. Last Sunday just after Communion, I shared Hebrews 1:1-4 as a Benediction verse... I thought we would pick up right where we left off... So Who is this One whose birth we celebrate?

1) As directed by God the Father and carried out by the Holy Spirit, God the Son, became a baby inside a teenage Hebrew girl named Mary, who despite facing divorce by her soon-to-be husband, Joseph, carried this child within her to term, gave birth to Him in a Bethlehem stable, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, laid Him in a feeding trough, and as directed by the Angel of God, named her Son, Jesus... When you read the beginning, don't you want to read the whole story?!

2) Like Col. 1:15-20 last week, Hebrews 1:1-4 shines light on Who this is...

B. Hebrews 1:1-4 (ESV) *"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 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. 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, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs."*

C. So what was it like for Mary? How did she get the news about being chosen by God for being the mother of Jesus? And how did she respond? Luke 1:26-38 spells it out... (Can you imagine the Luke--Mary interviews?!) Read Luke 1:26-38...

D. Mary would be the one who would tenderly raise Jesus from birth to manhood. She cradled Him in her arms in the stable that night as well as when they escaped into Egypt... She would feed Him His meals, watch Him play with His siblings, and learn how to be a carpenter like His father, Joseph... (Mary: *"What did you boys do today Jesus?"* Jesus: *"James, Jude, cousin John and I went fishing and John actually ate a locust! He said they were even better with honey!"* Mary says, *"I'll have to have a word with his mother, Elizabeth."* Jesus: *"He also likes running around in camel's hair Mom, so you might want to mention that as well.")* When Jesus turned up missing after the Passover in Jerusalem, Mary would track her twelve year old Son down at the temple... If indeed Joseph passed away early as many believe, she would watch her firstborn become the man of the house... When it came time for His earthly ministry to begin, she would be the one to inform Him about the wine shortage at the wedding in Cana... When her Son was arrested, tried, and crucified, she most certainly wept helplessly at His feet.... When Jesus commended her to John's care while bleeding on the cross, she would have nodded with loving acceptance... After He gave up His spirit and they laid Him in a tomb, her grief and despair were undoubtedly overwhelming... When news broke that her Son had risen from the grave, she would be among those rejoicing the loudest, realizing the Son she bore was Her Messiah and Lord as well... When the Holy Spirit came with a rushing wind and tongues of fire at Pentecost, she would have been among those filled to overflowing... And when told to go and proclaim this Good News, she would have done so with great authority, overwhelming joy, and eternal hope... Upon that incredible visitation by Gabriel, Mary became a *forevermore servant* of the Lord and what an honor it will be to meet her someday!

\* Close with Hebrews 1:1-4 and Prayer...

### Scriptures, Videos, & Bonus Stuff

#### Hebrews 1:1-4 (ESV)

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#### Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

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

### Video Clips for Growing Believers

"How Suddenly A Baby Cries" by Keith & Kristyn Getty

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpQB1Cmuh0g&list=PLIb2rkLLKhOM0oeHIY6nEeig6xHAX20X8>

"The Children" A Poem by John Piper

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1kUFnt9\\_c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1kUFnt9_c)

"Who Do You Think" - Statler Brothers (Thanks Janice Hoover!)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ku65yQUABko>

"Christmas At Denny's" by Randy Stonehill

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9MRI2tLnKU>

"Little Drummer Boy" by Pentatonix (Awesome Performance!)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ\\_MGWio-vc&feature=youtu.be\\_gdata\\_player](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJ_MGWio-vc&feature=youtu.be_gdata_player)

### Bonus Stuff

Quote by Addison H. Leitch

"Our trouble is we want the peace without the Prince."

Quote by R. Eugene Sterner

"Christmas is when God came down the stairs of heaven with a baby in His arms.

Hymn Excerpt by Martin Luther

[http://www.ccel.org/a/anonymous/luth\\_hymnal/tlh085.htm](http://www.ccel.org/a/anonymous/luth_hymnal/tlh085.htm)

Were earth a thousand times as fair,  
Beset with gold and jewels rare,  
She yet were far too poor to be  
A narrow cradle, Lord for Thee.

- "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Praise For The Incarnation

By John Newton

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Sweeter sounds than music knows  
Charm me in Immanuel's name;  
All her hopes my spirit owes  
To his birth, and cross, and shame.

When he came, the angels sung,  
"Glory be to God on high;"  
Lord, unloose my stamm'ring tongue,  
Who should louder sing than I?

Did the Lord a man become,  
That he might the law fulfil,  
Bleed and suffer in my room,  
And canst thou, my tongue, be still?

No, I must my praises bring,  
Though they worthless are and weak;  
For should I refuse to sing,  
Sure the very stones would speak.

O my Saviour, Shield, and Sun,  
Shepherd, Brother, Husband, Friend,  
Ev'ry precious name in one,  
I will love thee without end.

- John Newton, [http://www.puritansermons.com/poetry/newt\\_p03.htm](http://www.puritansermons.com/poetry/newt_p03.htm)

**Luke 1:46-55 (KJV) Mary's Song - "The Magnificat"**

**46** And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord,

**47** And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

**48** For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

**49** For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

**50** And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.

**51** He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

**52** He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

**53** He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

**54** He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy;

**55** As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.