

CHOSEN TO LOVE

The Angel Visits Mary

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Text: Luke 1:26-38

INTRODUCTION:

What did God reveal in this narrative?

- His Sovereignty
- His Supernatural Acts
- His Salvation
- His Supreme Love for Humanity

A. Mary was chosen by God to Love Jesus and become the Conduit of His Advent revealed by the Angel's...

1. Greeting (vv. 27-29)

Mary's response: She was greatly troubled

- Because of where she was from
- Because of who she was in society

2. Message (vv. 30-34)

Mary's response: She was perplexed

- Because she was pledged to be married to Joseph
- Because she was a virgin

3. Revelation of God's Plan and Purpose (vv. 35-38)

Mary's response: She humbled herself and surrendered to God's will

- Mary responded to God's call to love Jesus and become the conduit of His advent was expressed through her:

- Faith
- Obedience

B. Call to Action

Just like Mary we should OBEY

O – pen our lives to God's plan and purpose

B – believe in God's promises

E – mbrace God's call to love Jesus

Y – ield and surrender to God's will

Conclusion:

Tabletalk Questions:

1. Share to the group a memorable Christmas moment that you had growing up as a child.
2. Read Luke 1:26-56 and answer the following questions below:
 - a. In verses 29-30, the Bible says, "**Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.** ³⁰ **But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.** What do you think were the main reasons why Mary's **initial** response was that she was "**greatly troubled**" when she heard the greeting from the angel Gabriel?
 - b. During that time, what were the possible consequences or difficulties that Mary would have faced if people found out that she was with child while being pledged to be married to Joseph?
 - c. In verses 35-38, the Bible says, "**The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called³¹ the Son of God.** ³⁶ **Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.** ³⁷ **For no word from God will ever fail.**" ³⁸ **"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."** **Then the angel left her.**" What impressed you the most from Mary's response, given the possible consequences that she was going to face?
3. Was there ever a time in your life that God spoke to you? If yes, how did you know it was from God? How did you respond?
4. Why do you think it is important to follow God's will and ways even when it is hard to do?
5. Review the "Call to Action" on point B of the message outline and pray for one another.