

The Third Sunday in Advent ~ Sunday, December 12, 2021
“The Questions of Advent ~ Mary: Will I Accept God’s Plan For My Life?”
Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

“In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel said to Mary, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you!’ Mary was greatly troubled at the angel’s words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.” (Luke 1:26-29)

WHY MARY WAS AN UNLIKELY CANDIDATE

- She was _____
- She was _____
- She was _____

“‘Do not be afraid, Mary! You have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and his kingdom will never end!’” (Luke 1:30-33)

- Son of the Most High, throne of David, never-ending kingdom were code words for _____.

“I am the Lord’s servant, and I am willing to accept whatever he wants. May everything you have said come true!” (Luke 1:38)

Add 46-55

4 REASONS MARY ACCEPTED GOD’S PLAN

Reason #1: Because God _____.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.” (Luke 1:46)

“I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my Saviour God.” (Luke 1:46)

**Faced with this truth, Mary was willing to say “Yes”
to God’s plan for her life—are you?**

Reason #2: Because _____.

“For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

Taking notice/being mindful =

“Not even a little sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father noticing it. The very hairs on your head are numbered.” (Matthew 10:30)

“The Lord is constantly thinking about us and he will surely bless us.” (Psalm 115:12)

“Give God all your worries and cares for he is always thinking about you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

**Faced with this truth, Mary was willing to say “Yes”
to God’s plan for her life—are you?**

Reason #3: Because _____.

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“From now on, every generation will call me blessed! For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.” (Luke 1:48-50)

- Mary knew that _____ and _____ to God were the keys to blessing—despite the potential hardships.

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to God’s plan for her life—are you?**

Reason #4: Because God _____.

A big theme in Mary’s song is:

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel—God Is With Us.” (Isaiah 7:14)

“So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie.” (Hebrews 6:18)

**Faced with this truth, Mary was willing to say “Yes”
to God’s plan for her life—are you?**



**“Am I willing to accept God’s plan for my life?” is a question of faith.
Mary responded in humility and faith—How will you respond?**