



Mary is Chosen

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Luke 1:26-45

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Outline

Read Luke 1:26-45 and review the main points of the sermon below:

I. God is Always at Work Long Before We Ever Chose to Do Anything

II. God Gives His Gift of Grace to Ordinary People Who Become a Part of His Extraordinary Plan

III. God's Grace Can Be One of the Most Unsettling Things You've Ever Encountered

IV. God's Grace is Centered Around God's Son

- A. Jesus is the Perfect Ruler of a Perfect Kingdom Our World has yet to See – But it's coming!
- B. Jesus is the Promised Savior of Our Biggest Problem that Our World Could Never Solve—
But He Did!

V. God's Grace Becomes Your Grace by Faith in God's Word

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. Was there a time you believed in Santa and how did you find out the truth?!
- B. Do you know the meaning of your name(s) and how your parents decided to name you?
- C. Do you find it hard to believe that God would use you and why?
- D. What does v. 28 really say about Mary and why do you think the Catholic Church has misinterpreted this? Are there ways that we can be tempted to do the same things with people we respect too much?
- E. Was there a time in your life that God's Word/faith was troubling to you? What happened?

II. Application Questions

- A. What's terrifying to you about being fully surrendered? How do you evaluate whether you are truly surrendered to the Lord and His rule in your life?
- B. What's one aspect of Mary's experience that challenges you? What is the Lord calling you to do as a result?

III. Gospel Connection – Just like Mary we are "highly favored" because of the grace in Christ!

"He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:5-6).

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. Pray for someone who trusts in someone or something else besides Jesus, that during this season they would come to know the only one who can save.
- B. Pray for complete surrender in your life – is there an area that your flesh is wrestling against control over?