



**Mary, the Mother of Jesus**

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**Question of the day:** *If you were in a Christmas pageant as a child, what was your most memorable role? Or, what was your children’s most memorable role?*

**I. Jesus: more than “a Christmas story”**

- We hold on to the Christmas hope that God indwells the everydayness of our world. God \_\_\_\_\_. God cares for \_\_\_\_\_.
- “I stand at the door and knock. If \_\_\_\_\_ hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in.” (Revelation 3:20)

**II. An \_\_\_\_\_ couple. Joseph and Mary.**

- “God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph.” (Luke 1:26–27)
- An \_\_\_\_\_ moment. Mary responds with humble faith. “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:38)
- What details in the account of Jesus’ birth reveal Mary and Joseph’s humble condition? (Luke 2:1-7)
- Why do you think God chose two very normal and humble people to be the parents of the King of Kings? What does this say about his nature?

**III. Mary was favored in God’s eyes because of her \_\_\_\_\_, not because of her \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Mary didn’t refuse God’s calling on her life because of her fear. She believed God’s word through the angel Gabriel.
- “Blessed are those who have \_\_\_\_\_ seen and yet have \_\_\_\_\_.” (John 20:29)

**IV. To think and pray about and apply to your life:**

- Read 1 Peter 2:9. “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” How does this verse speak to you personally about your identity in Christ?
- Do you believe that God accepts you based on your faith, or do you struggle with earning his love through your talents?
- May our trust in Christ be one that not only saves us but also defines everything we do, say, and think.

**Looking ahead...**

*Next week our focus is on Matthew.*

not, believed  
trust, talents  
Extraordinary  
ordinary  
anyone  
cares, YOU  
**Answers:**