

# Dear Theophilus: The Mystery of Mary

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## Welcome

- 1) What is the strangest message you have ever received by way of letter, written note, email, voicemail, or text?
- 2) When you begin to think about Mary, the mother of Jesus do you feel:
  - A. nervous?
  - B. intrigued?
  - C. bored?
  - D. other: \_\_\_\_\_?

Why do you feel this way?

## Word

Read Luke 1:26-38

- 1) What do we know about Mary? (v. 26-27)
- 2) Why was it important for Joseph and Mary to be from the "house of David"?
- 3) Why do you think Mary found favor with God?
- 4) What does the title "Son of the Most High" mean in reference to Jesus?
- 5) What was Mary's response when the angel tells her she will soon give birth to a son? Why was it necessary for Mary to be a virgin?
- 6) What was Mary's final response to the angel who said, "Nothing is impossible with God"?
- 7) Why was it necessary for Mary to give her consent to what was about to happen?
- 8) What did it mean for Mary to say "Yes" to God? What joys did she receive in life? What sorrows did she receive?

## Work

- 1) What can we do to imitate Mary's faith?
- 2) What do you need to be willing to suffer or endure as a follower of Jesus?
- 3) What would it look like for Christ to be formed in you this Advent season?

## Worship

- 1) Psalm for the Day - Sun: 44 / Mon: 45 / Tue: 46 / Wed: 47 / Thur: 48 / Fri: 49 / Sat: 50
- 2) Pray for the strength and courage to endure hardship as a follower of Jesus
- 3) Pray for one another