



A Simple Invitation

- Mary was invited to carry the son of God.
- God is really good at making the ordinary extraordinary.

Luke 1:26-27 (NIV)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

- Mary was given an inconvenient invitation.

Luke 1:28-33 (NIV)

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ 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. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

- The invitation may not always be convenient, but it is always worth it

Luke 1:34-37 (NIV)

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ 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 called 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."

Luke 1:37 (ESV)

For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 1:38 (NIV)

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

- Mary accepted the invitation.
- We have been invited.
- We have been invited to carry the Spirit of God.
- We have been given an inconvenient invitation.
- May not be convenient, but it is still worth it. (II Corinthians 4:5-9 (NIV))
- Are you willing to RSVP to the invitation?
- Mary got more than she anticipated and so do we.