

Advent

Week 1 - Mary

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Mary Interrupted

"I am the Lord's slave," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

- Luke 1:38

Embrace _____, even _____ interruptions.

²⁶In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸And the angel came to her and said, "Rejoice, favored woman! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰Then the angel told her: Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

³¹Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus.

³²He will be great

and will be called the Son of the Most High,

and the Lord God will give Him

the throne of His father David.

³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,

and His kingdom will have no end.

³⁴Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not been intimate with a man?"

³⁵The angel replied to her:

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore, the holy One to be born

will be called the Son of God.

³⁶And consider your relative Elizabeth—even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸"I am the Lord's slave," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

- Luke 1:26-38

Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't His mother called Mary, and His brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?

- Matthew 13:55

Embrace _____ interruptions.

Then the angel told her: Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

- Luke 1:30

Embrace the _____ of an interruption.

"I am the Lord's slave," said Mary. "May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel left her.

- Luke 1:38

For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, just as a father, the son he delights in.

- Proverbs 3:12

Embrace the _____ amidst interruption.

⁴⁶And Mary said:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

⁴⁷*and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior,*

⁴⁸*because He has looked with favor
on the humble condition of His slave.*

*Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed,*

⁴⁹*because the Mighty One
has done great things for me,*

and His name is holy.

⁵⁰*His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.*

⁵¹*He has done a mighty deed with His arm;
He has scattered the proud*

because of the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²*He has toppled the mighty from their thrones
and exalted the lowly.*

⁵³*He has satisfied the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.*

⁵⁴*He has helped His servant Israel,
mindful of His mercy,*

⁵⁵*just as He spoke to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his descendants forever.*

- Luke 1:46-55