

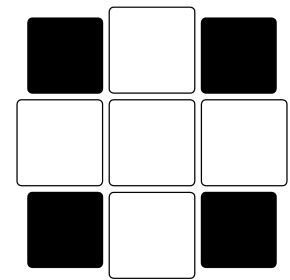
Our Divine Savior

Scripture: **Luke 1:26-35**

Series: **A Lowly and Glorious Birth**

Sunday, November 30, 2014

Corroborating Texts: Matthew 1:21



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Overview

The virgin birth leads us to be a people of awe, worship, and submission.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the aspects of the Christmas season that you love most? What are the aspects that you like least? What is Advent? How have you celebrated Advent in the past? Do you distinguish Advent from the Christmas season? Why or why not?
2. Jesus is portrayed as lowly and humble in the Advent story. How do the Scriptures portray this? What is significant about this portrayal?
3. Who are the angels portrayed in Scripture? What are their roles? How does our culture portray angels? How is this distinct from how Scripture portrays angels?
4. What does it mean to be favored by God? How is Mary's role unique? How are we, likewise, favored by God?
5. When you think about the virgin birth how should you consider it? [it's a miracle and a mystery] How can we respond to challenges that Christianity stole the virgin birth account from pagan stories? [(1) the pagan stories reference a sexual encounter between mythological god and a woman, and thus the woman is not a virgin; (2) these stories do not predate the Biblical account]
6. What is a critical function of Christ's appearing? [saves us from our sin (Matthew 1:21)] How is this truth significant to you this week, even today? How does this Scripture comfort you?
7. Look at verse 38. How should we respond to Mary's example? [be filled with awe, worship, and submission to the Lord] What about the Advent story fills you with awe and worship? What has the Word of God said about how you ought to submit and serve him like Mary did? How are you doing this? In what way are you not and need to turn in obedience to his Word?