

Destination Christmas

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2025 Destination Christmas Series week 1 Destination Nazareth – Mary's Calling

God still calls us to believe the impossible.

What is God calling you to embrace in faith this Christmas?

Trust that God can use ordinary people for extraordinary purposes.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 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, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 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. 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. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:26-38

1. God Comes to Ordinary Places.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee...

Luke 1:26-27

2. God's Call Often Starts with Disruption.

"Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be... But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.'"

Luke 1:28-30

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God's plans are often beyond our understanding, but never beyond His ability.

3. God Invites Us into the Miraculous.

"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus... For no word from God will ever fail."

Luke 1:31, 37b

4. Faith Says Yes Before It Sees Results. "'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.'"

Luke 1:38

Miracles begin with a heart willing to say yes to God.

What is God asking you to believe that feels impossible?

What would it look like to say, "I am the Lord's servant" in your life this week?

Where do you need to trust God's Word over your own understanding?

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1