

Christmas Questions

An Innocent Question Message 2

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2. **Certainty about God's _____.**
(Luke 1:35-37. C/R: John 8:31-32; 2 Timothy 3:16-17;
James 1:5-8,22)

► Outline

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? ..."

Luke 1:34 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Luke 1:26-27)

3. **Commitment to God's _____.**
(Luke 1:38,46-49. C/R: Proverbs 3:5-6; Luke 9:23-24;
Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 2:10)

B. An innocent relationship with God includes... (Luke 1:28-49)

1. **Conviction about God's _____.**
(Luke 1:28-34. C/R: Psalm 119:9; John 14:21; 1 John 5:3)

Answers: 1. guidelines 2. Word 3. service

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, Scripture verses are from the *Holy Bible*, New Living Translation (NLT). C/R refers to a 'cross reference.' Today's outline and discussion guide are available through the Brookwood Church app.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

What's your favorite thing about Christmas?

Opening in Prayer

May you come to know God in new and beautiful ways this Christmas. Spend several minutes in silence. Ask God to guide your heart and mind as you study and reflect.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 1:26-38](#).

1. What does vs. 27 tell us about Joseph? Why is this significant? How is Mary described?
2. If you had been Mary, what do you think would have been the most difficult to comprehend?
3. Have you ever experienced God's grace or favor in an unusual or powerful way? How did that feel? How did you respond?
4. How do you think Mary felt about giving birth to the Messiah?
5. Have you ever been fearful about how an event or situation would turn out? What was that like for you? What did you do?
6. What power did kings have in the ancient world? What would it mean to have a king whose *Kingdom would never end*?

7. Why do you think the angel told Mary about Elizabeth's condition?
8. How did Mary respond to the angel (vs. 38)? Why do you think Luke included Mary's response as he recounted this story?
9. Write down several things this passage teaches about Jesus.
10. What part of this story is most relevant for you today?

Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live into the answers.

Rainer Maria Rilke

Soul Training

Identify a challenge or trial you're currently facing. Name one thing God is teaching you or shaping in you as a result of that trial.

Memory Verse

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. [Ephesians 2:10 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Hebrews 3:1-6](#)

Day 4: [Ezra 3:8-11](#)

Day 2: [Joshua 4:15-24](#)

Day 5: [Revelation 5:4-10](#)

Day 3: [James 1:12-18](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, December 15, we'll continue the series *Christmas Questions*. To prepare for the message, read [Luke 1:39-56](#).



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