



ONCE UPON
A
CHRISTMAS

Mary

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Luke 1:26-30 (NLT) 26 God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you! 29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!"

Maybe God wants us to be uncomfortable

Luke 1:31-33 (NLT) 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Receive and Believe

Luke 2:19 (NLT) Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 8:15 (NIV) "But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear [God's] word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

Remember what qualifies you

Luke 1:34-35, 37 (NLT) 34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." 35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God... 37 [For nothing is impossible with God.]"

Keep your perspective

Luke 1:38, 46-48 (NIV) 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." 46 "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant."

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