- I. God chose to work through a young ordinary woman
  - A. Mary received a surprising message from an <u>angel messenger</u>
  - B. Mary was a young woman living in the town of Nazareth
  - C. Mary was a young virgin

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

D. Mary was engaged to a descendant of David

"The Lord swore an oath to David, a sure oath that he will not revoke: "One of your own descendants I will place on your throne." (Psalm 132:11)

- E. Mary was a recipient of God's grace
- F. Mary was promised God's presence
- G. Mary was told to not be afraid
- II. God gave Gabriel an amazing message to share
  - A. Mary will give birth to a son to be named Jesus

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." (John 1:14)

B. Mary's son will be the Son of God

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

C. Mary's son will rule on David's throne

"Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

D. Mary's son will rule his eternal kingdom

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

- III. The surprising response
  - A. Mary did not doubt but <u>questioned how</u>
  - B. Mary was told God would do a miracle

- C. Mary was encouraged by <u>Elizabeth's miracle</u>
- D. Mary was told nothing is impossible with God
- E. Mary volunteered to be God's servant
- F. Mary surrendered to the <u>will of God</u>

"Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God." (Romans 12:1)