

And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.  
Luke 1:56 | ESV

| You have a part to play that is a part of better world!

#### 4. Her heart pondered | What will you set your mind on?

Luke 2:1-20

And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.  
Luke 2:18-19 | ESV

And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.  
Luke 2:51 | ESV

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
Philippians 2:5-8 | ESV

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.  
Isaiah 53:5 | NIV

| What will you set your mind on?

**The decisions that you make today are ones that will shape, change, and define your life.**

## What Child is This? | **So Why Mary?**

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### Life-shaping, life-changing and life-defining moments

#### 1. Her story began before her time | God planned your life.

Luke 1:26-38

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.  
Isaiah 7:14 | ESV

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.  
Luke 1:26-27 | ESV

And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.  
Luke 1:28-29 | ESV

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."  
Luke 1:30-33 | ESV

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"  
Luke 1:34 | ESV

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Luke 1:35 | ESV

And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:36-38 | ESV

| God planned your life and has a plan for your life!

## **2. Her life influenced other people** | You were made for community.

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40 | ESV

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

Luke 1:41-42 | ESV

And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Luke 1:43-44 | ESV

## **A barren old woman has a child the ordinary way. CONFIRMS A young woman will have a child in an extraordinary way.**

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Luke 1:45 | ESV

| You were made for community to encourage and be encouraged.

## **3. Her vision revealed a better future** | You have a part to play.

Luke 1:46-56

And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Luke 1:46-55 | ESV