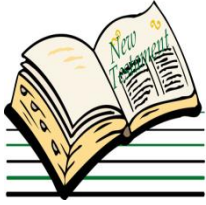


Sermon Notes



Title: *The Announcement of Jesus' Conception*

Text: Luke 1:26-38

Theme: Jesus' conception, birth, life, death, and resurrection is a story, but more than a story. It is God with us. The nativity of Christ Jesus is the birth of hope in your life if you trust Him for what He came to do – to bear sin away. Christmas is the birth of hope and the death of sin.

I. The Announcement of Jesus' _____ by a
_____ Messenger (26-33)

II. Mary's _____ with the Angel (34-37)

III. Mary's _____ (38)

IV. Applications (Listen for these applications dispersed throughout the message)

A. The announcement of our Lord's conception is nothing less than the _____ of what God
_____ long ages ago.

B. The coming of Christ is the _____ of the
new _____.

C. Christ came because people are _____ by the
_____ of a mind that cannot see and
_____ the world correctly due to sin.

D. The story of the _____ of Christ is a narrative
upon which you life _____.

Next Week Read: Luke 1:46-56

Questions on the Message

Note: These questions are intended for younger children. Parents, use your judgment as to how best to deal with the maturity level of your younger children when talking about the matter of how children are conceived.

1. What was the name of the angel who came to Mary (v. 26a)?
2. When did the angel visit Mary (v. 26a)? To what is this month referring (see 1:24)?
3. Where was Mary living (v. 26b)?
4. To whom was Mary promised to marry (v. 27)?
5. How did the angel greet Mary (v. 28)?
6. What was the angel's message to Mary (v. 31)?
7. What was the name Mary was to give her child (v. 31b)?
8. What would this child be like (vv. 32-33)?
9. How did Mary react to this news (v. 34)?
10. How did the angel say that this child would begin in Mary's body (v. 35)?
11. Why would it be possible for this amazing thing to happen to Mary (v. 37)?
12. How did Mary respond after the angel explained what would happen to her (v. 38)?

Note: The following questions are intended for older children and adults.

13. What promise did God make long ago that began to be fulfilled when Jesus' coming was announced?
14. What does the "new creation" mean? When does the new creation begin? How does it progress? How does Christ's coming inaugurate the new creation?
15. How seriously has sin affected the individual human person? Is there any aspect of our being that is unscathed by the effects of sin? How does Christ's coming impact the effects of sin in the life of the human race?
16. How, and in what sense, does every person's life depend upon this story about the angel's announcement to Mary?
17. The angel greeted Mary saying, "Greetings, O favored one" (v. 28, ESV). How is this meaning different from how some versions (e.g. Douay-Rheims) translate, "Hail, full of grace"?
18. How do we know from this text that Mary was a pure virgin and not either a young married maiden or a sexually mature girl but not necessarily a virgin (as some say the Hebrew word for virgin means)?
19. How should we understand the virgin birth of Christ with respect to our Lord's sinlessness? Does merely not having a human father protect against the transmission of sin? Why or why not?
20. Does the incarnation mean that Jesus became the "Son of God"? Why or why not?