

# *'Twas the chapter before Christmas*

AN ADVENT STUDY THROUGH LUKE 1

STONEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH  
TEACHING NOTES

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## **You Shall Call His Name Jesus**

Luke 1:26-38

As we come to the second miraculous birth in Luke 1, we're going to find Luke emphasizing how this miraculous birth is different than the first. And we're going to see Luke, in this narrative, emphasizing:

1. The identity of the Child that Mary will carry (v. 26-33)
  - ***This Child that Mary will deliver is coming to deliver us.***
2. The God who does impossible things (v. 34-37)
  - ***You can fully trust that God will keep every one of His promises because nothing is impossible with Him.***
3. The young woman who serves as our example (v. 38)
  - ***Mary's response of complete surrender to the Lord is a model for every one of us.***

### **Further Reflection**

1. How is the miraculous birth of Jesus different than the miraculous birth of John the Baptist in the first part of the chapter?
2. Review this passage and take note of what was said of Mary. What can we learn from this passage about the kind of people God loves to use for His purposes?
3. What's significant about the name "Jesus" (Yeshua)? What does His name tell us about the reason for His coming?
4. Why does Luke emphasize that Mary was a virgin? What is the significance of the virgin birth of Jesus?
5. How was Mary's question to Gabriel different than Zechariah's last week? Zechariah was rebuked while Mary wasn't. Why? What was different?
6. What can we learn from this passage as to why we can fully trust God to do what He says He will do? How should this impact the way we live each day?
7. What can we learn from Mary's response in v. 38? By submitting to God's plan, what's at stake for Mary? How does this make her response even more remarkable?