

Sermon Notes

Advent #2 – “There’s Something About Mary”

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Isaiah 11:1–10

Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:26–38

- Matthew has 2 focuses: Jesus is the fulfillment of the entire Old Testament and Jesus is the Savior of the entire world.
- Matthew starts with a genealogy: includes imperfect kings and 4 women!
- Mary is not talked about a lot in Matthew – Matthew 1:18
 - o But what we get is scandalous – a woman with child before she is married!
 - o She could have been stoned to death.
 - o So we need to “fill in the blanks” from Luke.
 - o Angel Gabriel shows up – you will be the mother of the Son of the Most High.
 - o That’s a BIG job!
- Mary was from Nazareth.
 - o A super small town.
 - o People made fun of people from Nazareth – John 1:46.
 - o Mary knew it – Luke 1:48a and 52–53.
 - o You can hear echoes of Nazareth in Jesus’ teachings.

Sermon Notes Cont...

- Mary has lots of excuses why she could have said no:
 - o Young.
 - o Not married.
 - o Poor.
 - o From a super small town.
- But she doesn’t – Luke 1:38:
 - o Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”
 - o Today, she is the most famous woman in the history of humanity.
- Jonathan “JC” Cody
 - o From the Price Hill satellite.
 - o Came to Shiloh when that site closed.
 - o Continues to lead Team Hope – an incredible ministry that feed the poor while building them up and sharing Jesus with them.
- How do you respond when God calls you?
 - o Do you make excuses, or
 - o Do you say: “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”