

## How Will This Be?

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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

### Even when God is silent, it doesn't mean He is inactive.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:28-34 ESV

- Christmas = Holy Spirit > virgin – Jesus: Son of Mary and Son of God

### You can trust God to do what He's promised even when you can't understand it.

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. <sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> 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 1:35-38 ESV

- We need the breath of God to carry out the purposes of God.

### Our response when we don't understand...

- Make God's will your highest priority.
- Live by faith, not by fear.
- Worship even when you don't understand.

## Let's Connect

- What is your favorite Christmas movie?

## Let's Talk About It

At Christmas, we worship the incredible hope we have because of who Jesus is. Jesus, fully human and fully divine, holy, worthy of our admiration, and our forever king! Christmas reminds us that God always writes better stories than you and I ever could. The Christmas story is an invitation to surrender our lives to God, knowing He is there with us—in the midst of the uncertainty and things we can't understand—working to accomplish His purpose. Make His will your highest priority, live by faith, not fear, and worship Him even when you don't understand.

Galatians 4:4-5; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:28-37

- Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
- Describe a season when God seemed silent or absent, or you didn't understand what God was doing.
- Read Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:26-34. What do you do when God seems silent or inactive in your life? How do you respond when you don't understand what God is doing?
- Read Luke 1:35-38. Mary willingly chose to partner with God and submit to Him even when it was confusing and uncomfortable. What area of your life do you find it most difficult to submit to God's will and trust Him? Why is this so hard?
- Partnering with God means we make His will our highest priority, live by faith, not fear, and worship even when we don't understand. Where is God asking you to trust him in a greater way? What step can you take this week to surrender to His will, live by faith, and trust Him more?

## Take a Step

- Take a step and invite someone to Christmas services this week!
- Where is God asking you to trust him in a greater way? What step can you take this week to surrender to his will and trust him in a greater way?

## Here's My Prayer

God, You are in control even when my life feels out of control, and I don't understand what You're doing. Help me to trust You in the confusing, unknown seasons. I choose to make Your will my highest priority and live by faith. Even when I don't understand, I will worship You because of who You are – the Son of God and the sovereign king and ruler over all. In Jesus' name amen.