Text: Luke 1:26-38

Topics: Birth of Christ, Power of God, Will of God

Series: Why the Incarnation?

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The Time Came

I. The Setting (26-27)

God *injected* His *messenger* into human history.

II. The Son (28-37)

Mary would miraculously be given the <u>honor</u> and <u>enablement</u> of giving <u>birth</u> to <u>Messiah</u>.

III. The Submission (38)

Mary <u>fully</u> submitted to the <u>hardship</u> of God's plan.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

Warm up: Can you think of a time when the account of Gabriel's announcement to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus was especially moving to you?

- 1. Read Luke 1:26-27. Ponder the details of the announcement of the birth of Christ. What is interesting, if not surprising? Why?
- 2. In Luke 1:28-33 Gabriel greets and gives his message to Mary. Why would she be taken back by the greeting? (v. 28-30)

In the simplest terms, what message did Gabriel give Mary? What made this message so astounding? (v. 31-33)

Why would you expect this message to cause fear to arise in Mary?

Can you see a message given to you in Gabriel's message? What response does it call for?

3. Read Luke 1:34-37. Mary asks a "how" question. What concerns might she have?

Put Gabriel's answer in the fewest words you can.

How can this answer be an encouragement to you? Be specific.

4. What is interesting, surprising, or inspiring about Mary's response in Luke 1:38?

What is a current circumstance of yours in which Mary's response is a good example for you.