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# Mary

Argyle Community Church Advent Sermon Series 2024:
Learning from the characters of the Christmas story

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# God is at work

**Luke 1:26**

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# Surprising ways

**Luke 1:32-33**

He [Jesus] will be **great** and will be called **the Son of the Most High**. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and **he will reign** over Jacob's descendants **for ever**; his kingdom will **never end.**'

# Surprising ways

Luke 1:32-33

God’s kingdom is full of surprising contrasts and flipped expectations.

# Unexpected places

**Luke 1:26**

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to **Nazareth, a town in Galilee,**

# Humble people

**Luke 1:27, 48**

...to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

...for he has been mindful of the **humble state** of his servant.

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# Impossible situations

Luke 1:26, 34

In the sixth month of **Elizabeth's pregnancy**,

'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, '**since I am a virgin**?'

# Significant* women in the Bible who could not conceive

**SARAH**
World blessed through her family

**SAMSON**
Shadow of Jesus: true & perfect Samson

**HANNAH**
Birthed Samuel who chose David to be King

**ELIZABETH**
Her son John prepared people for Jesus

**MARY**
Bore the long-promised Saviour-king

***Significant because involved with God's plan to bring Messiah into the world**

# Impossible situations

Luke 1:26, 34

Are you facing something which feels impossible?

# Communion

Luke 1:26-38

It is impossible for us to save ourselves from future punishment. We depend entirely on Jesus taking our punishment on himself as he died on the cross.