



**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Advent # 3 - Love**

**Title: “Heavenly Messages for Earthlings”**

**Text: Luke 1-2 & Matthew 1**

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**Big Idea:** The story and message of the birth of Christ is so important that God used an unforgettable method to “evangelize” the gospel truth to the distracted hearts of humans.

**Four reactions to angelic Christmas messages**

- 1) The reaction of distracted doubting. (Luke 1:5-25 / Luke 1:68)
- 2) The reaction of self-sacrificing service. (Luke 1:26-38)
- 3) The reaction of accepting action (Matthew 1:18-25)
- 4) The reaction of believing and broadcasting. (Luke 2:8-12 / 1 Peter 1:10-12)

**Study/Application Questions and Actions:**

- 1) How do you prefer to communicate with people (text, phone, conversation)? What is the manner you most clearly hear God?
- 2) What are some circumstance under which you feel yourself doubting God? How could you prepare your heart to build trust in these times?
- 3) What godly characteristics can you see in Mary’s self-sacrificing response to the message? How might you develop similar patterns in your life?
- 4) Joseph responded with a blend of justice and mercy. Is that a pattern for all believers or only certain personality types? How could those qualities be groomed into the lives of all believers?
- 5) Read 1 Peter 1:10-12. Do you find it motivating that, by virtue of your ability to experience salvation, you are even more qualified to share the gospel than the angels?
- 6) In light of how God has recently worked in your life, what might be a simple “See and Say” message you could give others this season?