

# Sunday, December 18, 2022

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

## Series Christmas Season 2022 ... 4

### Title: Revelation to Mary

Text: Matthew 1:18 - 2:12;

Luke 1:26 - 45;

Luke 2:1 - 21

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation that God does not do acts at random times but has a clear timetable in His plans and purposes.

#### Introduction:

~ Last week the devotional was entitled "Revelation of Appointed Times:"

1. The Fullness of Time,
2. The Time of the Gentiles,
3. In That Day
  - ~ Matthew 1:18 – 2:12
  - ~ Luke 1:26 – 45
  - ~ Luke 2:1 - 21

### 1. Mary Do You Know About Elizabeth:

~ Luke 1:1 – 24 (interesting note on verse 20)

~ Luke 1:15, "*for he (that is John the Baptist) will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*"

~ Luke 1:16, "*And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God,*"

~ Luke 1:17, "*and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.*"

~ Isaiah 40:3 – 5

~ Psalm 139:13 - 18

~ Ephesians 1:3 – 6, 2:4 – 10

### 2. Mary Do You Know...:

~ Matthew 1:18 – 25, that Joseph was informed

~ Luke 2:1 – 7, what an inconspicuous birth, is this how a King is to enter His dominion?

~ Luke 2:8 – 20, in verse 11 did the shepherds understand "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." as the Lamb of God or as the Righteous King who would rule over Israel as their deliverer?

~ Luke 2:19, "*But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.*"

~ Luke 1:26 – 38, especially verse 38, "*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.*"

### 3. May the Christ Child Occupy Me:

~ Matthew 16:13 – 18, who do I declare Christ Jesus to be?

~ Matthew 16:21 – 23, Jesus willing takes our sin and gives us His Righteousness

~ Matthew 16:24 – 28, Jesus invites us to enter into a personal relationship with Him.

#### Conclusion:

#### Why do I celebrate Christmas:

~ Because the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth fulfills Old Testament Scripture.

~ Because the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth gives me a Redeemer.

~ Because the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth provides me with new life.

~ Because the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth gives me eternal hope.

~ Because the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth gives me a divine friend and helper.

~ Because Jesus Christ of Nazareth is God's gift to all who believe in Him