

# Luke 1:26 – Christ in Me



Questions from Dec 14, 2025

(1) Your Identity in Christ is the same as Mary's.

- ❖ Not sinless, but a recipient of God's grace.
- ❖ Highly favored, God is with you, and Christ is in you.

(2) The Virgin Birth Matters.

- ❖ Jesus fulfilled prophecy as fully human and fully God.
- ❖ It's more believable than the virgin birth of the universe.

(3) Seek Support and Encouragement.

- ❖ Especially from those who have experienced God's power.
- ❖ Don't be cynical towards teenagers. Encourage their faith. Help them respond to God like Mary, who was around 14 years old.

(4) God Encourages His People through Prophetic Messages.

- ❖ Like the one Elizabeth gave to Mary.
- ❖ They renew our joy and increase our faith.
- ❖ That is why Paul says "the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort... Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophecy" (1 Cor 14:2, 39).

(5) Your Biggest Danger is Pride

- ❖ Jesus came to save the humble and fill the hungry.
- ❖ But he opposes those who are proud.
  - Even in the imaginations of their hearts.
  - Who act like rulers on thrones judging others.
  - Who believe they are rich and do not need God.

## Ice Breaker

(1) Share how you are doing and pray for each other.

## Digging Deeper

- (2) Read Luke 1:26-30 and Point 1. The word "favor" in verse 30 means "grace." Why is grace crucial for understanding Mary's (and our) identity and righteousness?
- (3) Read Luke 1:31-37 and Point 2. Explain why Jesus' virgin conception matters, and why it is not overly difficult to believe.

## Living Out

- (4) Read Luke 1:38-40 and Point 3. Why is it important to seek support as we face hardships, and who are the kind of people we should seek it from?
- (5) Read Luke 1:41-49 and Point 4. How did this prophetic message from Elizabeth renew Mary's joy and increase her faith?
- (6) Read 1 Corinthians 14:2 & 39. Considering how powerful prophetic messages from God can be, and how Paul tells us to be eager to prophecy, why don't they happen more often in our church? Is God not speaking, or are we not listening?
- (7) Read Luke 1:50-56 and point five. Why is pride so hard to see in ourselves, and so damaging to our relationship with God?

**\*Bonus:** How can you encourage the faith of a teenager like Mary?