

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1. Have you had any experience with modern-day prophets? If so, what was your experience like?
- 2. What do you think about the Catholic and Orthodox traditions of venerating Mary? In Catholic devotion she is called "Queen of Heaven" and in the Orthodox tradition she is called "Theotokos" (God-bearer) and Panagia (All-Holy).

Read Revelation 19:10

3. Why is it important to test prophecy through the testimony of Jesus?

Read Isaiah 7:14

4. The NRSV speaks of a "young woman," but most other modern translations speak of a "virgin." Does it matter how this verse is translated?

Read Matthew 1:18-25

- 5. What about Mary's faith inspires you?
- 6. What is significant about the name Immauel (God-with-us)?
- 7. Why was it necessary for the eternal Son of God to take on flesh and blood in order to secure our salvation?
- 8. What are your plans for Christmas this year? How can we pray for you?