**Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 1:18-23**

***“When God Invades Our Lives”***

Introduction

1. What happens when God invades our lives?

2. Luke 1:26-38; Mt. 1:18-23 in the Christmas story 3 times God invaded lives in

 the form of angels. We will look at two times this week.

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**I**. **LIFE STOPS…Never To Be The Same Luke 1:26-28**

 ***A. To The Insignificant 26,27***

**1. God Sends…Insignificant Place**

 **\***The angel is Gabriel. This angel was sent to Daniel. Zechariah and

 Elizabeth were visited by this angel with the announcement of John the

 Baptist.

 \*As the angels in heaven crane their necks to see where the angel would

 stop: surely Judea…surely Jerusalem that godly city…surely the Temple.

 What???!!! That insignificant town of Nazareth which is 70 miles NE of

 Jerusalem with 15,000 people. Nazareth was a soldiers’ town. It was the

 heart of pagan worship.

 **\***God still invades insignificant places.

 **2. God Selects…Insignificant Person**

 **\****To a virgin…espoused* to an insignificant man…Joseph.

 \*Two times in one verse the word *virgin* is mentioned. She never had

 physical relations with a man. (If Jesus is not born of a virgin then He is

 not worthy to be my Savior).

 **\***God still invades lives in Insignificant Places (Scottdale, Mt. Pleasant,

 Connellsville, etc.) of Insignificant People (me and you).

 ***B. To The Insufficient 28, 29***

The angel saw something in Mary that she never knew or saw.

1. **To Receive Such A Greeting 28**

 **\***She was just a young girl. She was perhaps 14 to 16 years of age.

 **\***God could see something that perhaps no one else saw.

 **2. To Receive Such A Guest 29**

Heavenis in the business of shaking us out of our comfort zone.

 \***By What Was Said**

 **\*By What She Saw**

 God so often has to shake us up before we are ready to listen.

 Taken back by our insufficiency…**We can’t! He then is ready to**

 **demonstrate…He can!**

 ***C. To The Inadequate 30-38***

**1. God Speaks 30-33** God speaks right to our need

 ***a.) Personally*** *Mary…Fear Not!*

 ***b.) Powerfully*** *Favor with God*

God speaks of the impossible, and what He wants to do to you. 31

 ***c.) Prophetically*** *Shalt…Shall 31-33*

**God knows all about your tomorrows**. **They unfold one day at a**

 **time!!**

**2. God Silences 34-38**

 ***a.)*** You have so many questions. Mary’s problem: *she didn’t know*

 *(sexually) a man.* She claims to be a virgin.

 ***b.)***  When God invades our lives we have so many questions…v. 37 God

 has done this before. He can do it again!

 ***c.)*** With God nothing is impossible…surrender absolutely v. 38)

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**II. LIFE STARTS…Never To Be The Same Matt. 1:18-23**

 ***A. Life Starts Supernaturally 18***

1. Only God can create life. God works inside out.
2. *Espoused* is premarital with no physical relations, but the word implies legally binding.
3. So what God did was put Mary and Joseph in a bind.

 ***B. Life Starts Simply 19***

**1.** Everything in life is as usual until God steps in.

 **2.** Now Joseph must make a tough decision…to openly humiliate Mary or

 quietly divorce her.

 **3*.*** *As he was thinking on these things*. When God invades our lives He makes

us think!

 ***C. Life Starts Spiritually 20-21***

**1.** God takes that which is physical things of life and turns it into spiritual.

 **2.** *A Son…Sins…Salvation* are always close to the heart of God.

 **3.** That’s what He wants to do when He invades your life. That which is

 important to God should be important to us.

 ***D. Life Starts Sovereignly 22-23***

**1.** God is working according to His time table.

 **2.** Isaiah 7:14 says, *A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and call*

 *His name Immanuel.*

**3.** Why *Jesus* and not *Immanuel?* In the Old Testament *name* spoke of

 character. His character is “God with us”.

1. When God invades our lives, He wants to get us back to the Word and bring us face to face with this God/man Jesus.

 ***E. Life Starts Submissively 24, 25***

**1.** A Revelation from God is an invitation to become involved in what God is

 doing. Joseph did just that as we see an act of obedience and surrender.

 **2.** In v. 25 adjust your life to fulfill His wishes.

 **3.** When God invades our lives we must adjust our lives to do what He wants

 us to do. It’s no longer my will, my way or my rights, but what does He

 want. I absolutely surrender to Him!

***Has God Invaded Your Life?***

***He wants to start today!***

***He wants to start now!***