

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Luke 1:26-38 & 2:1-24

(v.27)

*"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

**Immanuel** With us is God Im-with El-God

**Mary's Blessing: An** \_\_\_\_\_

**We would say it's** \_\_\_\_\_

**A ruined** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Jesus) You are doing the things your own father does." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. John 8:41*

\_\_\_\_\_ **from family**  
*For even His own brothers did not believe in Him. John 7:5*

**A significant** \_\_\_\_\_ **to the Mother**

*If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. Leviticus 20:10*

**Highly favored but** \_\_\_\_\_ **challenged (2:22-24)**

*These are the regulations for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl. If she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, Leviticus 12:7-8*

*For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ... Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them. Psalms 139:13-16*

**(vv.32-33)**

*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

**Luke 2 (v.1) Augustus** increased, augmented (Hitchcock's)

**Jesus had to be born in Bethlehem (733 BC)**

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from old, From everlasting." Micah 5:2*

**God works supernaturally through** \_\_\_\_\_ **ways**

*The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they make. Psalms 37:23 (TLB)*

**Sometimes God uses difficult circumstances to get us exactly where**

**He wants us, to accomplish His purpose**

**(v.7) Manger** (to eat); a crib (for fodder): Manger, Stall

**God is up to something** \_\_\_\_\_ **than Mary's current**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v.10)

**(v.16-20)**

**God doesn't immediately** \_\_\_\_\_ **the circumstances but**  
**sends** \_\_\_\_\_ **in the circumstances**

**To survive this time Mary (and we) need to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **unbelieving believers**

\_\_\_\_\_ **out an environment that**

\_\_\_\_\_ **her (our) faith**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for God to reveal His plan to others**

*And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit  
Matthew 1:19-20*