



MESSY LOVE THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR WORLD

MARY'S STORY in Luke 1

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What type of sacrificial, messy love will change your world?

Inconvenient love that costs you something

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34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy— the Son of God.

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Luke 1:34-35

And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:36-37

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.

Luke 1:38

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“And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

Luke 2:22

(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

Luke 2:23-24

**The baby boy who was
redeemed became the
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