The Story: Chapter Twenty-Two

The Birth of a King

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5**to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. **6**And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” **7**So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Galatians 4:4-7

**A Time for Silence**

* Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
  + A time to keep **silence**
  + A time to **speak**
* 400 years is a long time
  + Genesis 15:13
  + Acts 7:6
  + 40 X 10 means:
    - 40 = **a time of testing and preparation for salvation**
    - 10 = **complete or completion**
    - Galatians 4:4-7
* Has God been silent with you?
  + **Doesn’t have anything more to say about that.**
  + **A method God uses to prepare your heart.**

**Mary the Maiden**

* Where were her parents?
* Mary was betrothed to Joseph.
  + Her age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + The process: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Mary is a descendant of **King David.**
  + Not mentioned in either Matthew or Luke.
  + Her lineage is through King David’s son, **Prince Nathan**.
  + God does not always work as we might **think.**
* Mary is **honored** among women
  + She was **educated**.
  + She was **instructed**.
  + She was **chosen**.

**Mary the Servant** (*The Story* p. 310)

* The silence is **broken.**
  + The angel Gabriel delivers a message to **Mary**.
  + The message is about:
    - **Her.**
    - **The coming Messiah.**
* Mary’s **response of faith**  reveals:
  + God keeps His **promises.**
  + Mary anticipated the coming of the **Messiah**.
  + The child will be:
    - **Great**
    - **Son of the Most High God = with Yahweh**
    - **King**
    - **King of an eternal Kingdom**
  + Believed it would be so, only question: **What’s the plan?**
  + Willingly submitted to God’s **plan** and its personal **cost.**

**Mary’s Magnificat** (*The Story* p. 311)

* Mary recognized her need for a **savior.**
* Mary saw her role in God’s **upper story**.
* Mary trusted God, especially in light so much **uncertainty.**
* Mary praised God for His great work of **redemption.**