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.**