

A red Christmas ornament is the central focus, hanging from a gold-colored cap. Inside the ornament, a large black cross is visible, with two smaller crosses on either side, set against a landscape background. The ornament is surrounded by dark green pine branches. In the upper left, a white star is visible. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

No gift is  
more needed  
by a dying world  
than the  
Life-giving  
Savior.





FOR UNTO US A SON IS  
GIVEN



# Unusual Christmas

**Edward Church**

**December 7, 2025**

***Not Your  
Usual  
Christmas  
Sermon –pt1***

**Unusual  
Announcement**



From  
*silence*  
to  
*salvation*



**God Had Been Silent for 400 Years  
...but He was about to Break His Silence**

**• In a Big Way-**

**...before now it was through His Prophets**

**• In a Different Way-**

**No Longer Saged Old Men Coming fr Wilderness**

**In a Powerful Way-**

**• But Through a Baby in a Manger**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

– Luke 1:26-28





- **Luke 1:26–28 — Gabriel's greeting to Mary**
- **Greek word *charitoō* means 'endowed with grace.'**
- **Mary was Not Chosen Because Of Her Status,  
But Because Of God's Favor.**

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# John 1: 45-46

45) Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46) "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.  
"Come and see," said Philip.





John 1: 45-46

## **Destiny Breaks Out in Deserted Places**

*Nazareth Was Forgotten, Yet Chosen*

### **Challenge:**

*Will you believe destiny can ...  
...break out in your overlooked places?*

### **Illustration:**

*“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”  
→ God says Yes.*





And the angel said unto  
her, Fear not, Mary:  
for thou hast found  
favour with

*God*

Luke 1:30



# **Grace is the Passport to Purpose**

*Mary Was Graced Before She Carried Christ*

## **Challenge:**

*Will You Stop Striving / Rest In Grace That Qualifies You?*

## **Illustration:**

**A Passport Grants Access — Grace Grants Destiny**







**But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.**

**~ Luke 1:30-31**

# **Fear Collapses Under the Weight of Favor**

**Gabriel:**

*“Do not be afraid”* Luke 1:30

**Divine Call Confronts Fear**

**God Never Reveals Destiny...**

**...Without Releasing Courage**

**Challenge:**

Will You Let Favor Silence Fear?

**Declaration:**

**“Fear Folds When Favor Walks In!”**

But th  
favor





# **Glory Turns Bedrooms into Burning Bushes**

*Mary's Room Became **Holy Ground***

## **Illustration:**

*Will You Treat Ordinary Spaces As Holy Ground  
When God Shows Up?*

## **Challenge:**

Will You Treat Ordinary Spaces As Holy Ground?

## **Declaration:**

“My prayer closet can blaze with His glory!”



# Luke 1:38

**38) "I am the  
Lord's servant,"  
Mary answered.  
"May it be to me  
as you have said."  
Then the angel  
left her.**





# **One Yes Can Detonate Destiny**

## *Mary's Surrender Triggered History*

### **Overshadowing:**

same verb used when the cloud of glory covered the tabernacle  
**-Exodus 40:35**

### **• Challenge:**

*Will You Give God One Yes that Rewrites Your Story?*

### **• Illustration:**

One Yes Can Echo for Generations

terner.









## **Power Declarations**

**“My Nazareth is Enough!”**

**“Grace Has Stamped My Life!”**

**“Fear Falls — Favor Stands Tall!”**

**“My Room is Holy Ground!”**

**“My Yes Detonates Destiny!”**