The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Discussion Guide Season 3 Episode 24 TMI On The Virgin Mary

Today we discuss the miraculous pregnancy of Mary.

Introduction

Recap: Last week, we discussed what it means to be favored in the eyes of God throughout Scripture, and what is meant when Gabriel tells Mary she has found favor with God.

Take a few minutes to discuss this week's episode and what stuck out to everyone.

How do we see God work through miraculous births throughout Scripture?

Discussion

Have someone read aloud Luke 1:31-35 and Isaiah 7:14.

How does understanding the meaning of words alter your understanding of the miraculous in Scripture?

Have someone read each of these miraculous birth stories aloud.

Isaac - Genesis 21:1-15

Samuel - 1 Samuel 1:19-22

Samson - Judges 13:2-5

John the Baptist - Luke 1:5-13

How does God use these miraculous births in the narrative of the Bible?

How do these other miraculous births point to Jesus?



Application

Take some time to apply what you have discussed.

Have you ever had something unusual or shocking happen in your life that was not part of your plans that you had to trust God with? What was that like?

What is the result of trusting God when His plans differ from our own?

Is there something going on in your life right now that is unexpected that you need to trust God with?

Pray

At the end of your conversation, spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

Pray that the Lord would give us faith like Mary so that when unexpected things happen, we can trust in God's plan.

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast Resources

Catch up on Seasons 1 and 2 and find out more about *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast*, including show notes on *The Forgotten Jesus Podcast* webpage.

The Forgotten Jesus Book

Through the years, our understanding of Jesus has been shaped by different cultural influences, and many Christians have forgotten that Jesus was a Jewish man living in a Jewish land, observing Jewish customs, and investing his life into Jewish men and women. You can buy it here.

Midrash Reference

Linked below is the midrash reference about the name of the Messiah in Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer, mentioned by Pastor Robby in this episode.

Pirkei DeRabbi Eliezer Chapter.32

