

YOU'RE GONNA WHAT !?!

Little bit of info on Mary, the mother of Jesus. According to sacred records she was a 15-16 year old Jewish girl. She was engaged to an older man, Joseph. [Engaged, in those days, was a much more serious commitment than it is today. In fact, in order to break off an engagement – you had to get a “divorce”!] Mary came from a poor family and a humble environment. She loved and trusted God. She was still a virgin.

An angel, Gabriel, came and spoke with Mary. How would you react to seeing & hearing an angel? Read Luke 1:26-33 Then, this guy tells you that God has decided that **YOU** are going to become **PREGNANT** ! Now, how would YOU react? _____
How did Mary react? Read Luke 1:34 **GOOD QUESTION!**

Read Luke 1:35-37 Talk about confusing, and scary. What would you tell this angel? **BUT**...before you answer, consider Mary’s situation.....1. If she gets pregnant before being married to Joseph, and sleeping with him...he could have her **STONED TO DEATH!** 2. Joseph could divorce her and leave her all alone. 3. She lived in a small town, they would all know about her pregnancy, and she would most likely be an outcast. After all, who would believe her? How could she explain it?
So, now, what do you think you would have said in her situation? _____

Guess what she said! Read Luke 1: 38. Whoa! Talk about “**Total Submission**”! Mary first conceived Jesus in her heart by faith, **BEFORE** she conceived Him in her womb! The Bible says that “the Lord is with you”, to Mary. She had a real relationship with Him. **IS THE LORD WITH YOU ?**

Okay, now let’s take a look at Joseph. He is believed to be a much older man, a carpenter. He is preparing a home for his young wife to be. Read Matthew 1:18-19

How would you have reacted in his position? _____ What would you have thought? _____

Read Matthew 1:20-21. What a dream! What would you think? _____

Why is this happening? Read Matthew 1:22-23 and Isaiah 7:13-14.

If you were him, what would you have done when you woke up? _____
Read Matthew 1:24 - 25 **He made Mary his wife, but kept her a virgin until after Jesus was born. Then, HE named her baby Jesus.**
What do you think of these two people? _____

They really must have had quite a relationship with God – to completely trust Him and obey Him the way that they did – Don’t you think? _____

Read “Mary...” on page 1102. She has always been considered to be the most **PURE, TENDER, FAITHFUL, HUMBLE, PATIENT, OBEDIENT, and LOVING of ALL WOMEN !!!**

Is your life as available to be used by God, as theirs were? _____

Do you think you are too young for God to use you? _____

Do you think that you are not “special enough” to be used by God? _____
Read “Unlikely” on page 1101.

All through the Bible we can read the stories of real people that God used in our history. Many of His best servants were just plain ordinary people. And **A LOT** of them were **VERY** young. The **ONE THING** they all had in common was that they were willing to **TRUST** and **OBEY GOD !!!**