

## Sermon Notes – Luke 1:35-39 – Zygote

Creation is made up of space and time... places and seasons. And God does not wander up and down, over and around constrained into living from year to year.

In the Old Testament, God breaks into the creation. He pokes in His head or reaches in with His hand. Not exactly, but you get the idea. But He doesn't live in the creation.

But at Christmas, God made an unbelievable trade. He traded His freedom of living beyond His creation in order to live with us inside His own creation.

### Read Luke 1:26-38 – Mary Becomes Pregnant with God

When a baby is conceived, a male's sperm merges with a female's egg and when they come together, you get a zygote.



A zygote is very simple one human cell that has everything in it to grow into a mature human being.

Half of the equation is that a human baby is conceived. And this baby is just like any other baby.

*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,  
-- Colossians 1:19*

The other half of the equation is that God, *who before this lived outside of His creation, outside of both heaven and earth, only making Himself known in pretty vague ways like a burning bush,* placed all that is God into this one cell of human flesh.

This is fully God and fully man.

## Mary Made a Trade

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." – Luke 1:38*

I suppose Mary could have said, "No." She could have said, "Don't you hover any spirit over me! I'm 13 years old! My soon to be husband will freak! My parents will think... you know what my parents will think... 'No, dad, really... a spirit hovered...'"

Mary traded respectability, peace, and normalcy. She traded in the opportunity to die before her son. She would watch her son die. That was a trade she made.

She traded any opportunity to be a little wild. The mother of God can't be a drunk or have a foul mouth or be a gossip or spend her money on inappropriate things.

### You Need to Make the Same Trade

Now it isn't *exactly* the same as what happened with Mary, but the offer God is making is to come to your specific time and your specific place and to be born into you.

*But if God himself has taken up residence in your life,  
you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him.  
... But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—  
even though you still experience all the limitations of  
sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms...  
– Romans 8:9-11 (The Message)*

The offer made to Mary is being made to you. The Spirit of God is hovering over you ready to tie all that is God into your flesh.

You must accept this offer from God, and then you must offer your life to the growing of God in your life.