

Sequim Community Church
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November 29, 2020 – First Sunday in Advent

"DID SOMEONE SAY BABY?"
Luke 1:26-38

INTRODUCTION:

A. 2020 has been filled with surprises. And so was the first Christmas!

- Surprising greetings from an Angel
...God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee... — Luke 1:26
- Surprising choice of Mary to be Jesus' mother
...to a virgin Mary... "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God." — Luke 1:27 & 30-31
- Surprising pregnancy and birth.
"You will conceive and give birth to a son and you will name Him Jesus." — Luke 1:31

I. THOSE WHO WERE LOOKING WEREN'T SURPRISED - BUT ELATED.

A. The Old Testament prophets made prophecies predicting Jesus' arrival.

B. The shepherds personally heard the surprising prediction and reality.

"And you will recognize Him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." — Luke 2:12

II. A PERSONAL CONNECTION WITH THIS VERY PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

A. Don't miss the wonderful surprise that Jesus is.

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, He has spoken to us through His Son. — Hebrews 1:1-2

- God is still communicating.
So the Word became human and made His home among us. — John 1:14

B. Jesus was God in human form.

Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. — Philippians 2:6

Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.... I am in the Father and the Father is in me." — John 14:9 & 11

C. Jesus was a perfect expression of God's love for us.

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16

D. Jesus came so we might **personally** know God's love for us.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God... — Romans 10:9-10

CONCLUSION: