



## Message Outline

*A Doctor's Diagnosis of Jesus:  
Birthing*

**Luke 1:1-4, 26-45, 2:1-10**

**Intro:** Sermon series planned in 2019...

**Read:** Luke 1:1-4

- Each Gospel is a piece of the puzzle in the portrait of Jesus...
- Luke's Gospel written from the outside... a Gentile doctor (Col.4:11-14), not disciple.
  - What about Jesus captured Dr. Luke's attention? (v.3-4)

**Read:** Luke 1:26-45

- Unique to Luke's Gospel... opening with OB/GYN stories.
- v.26-27—Detailing Jesus' coming...
- "virgin"... a detail dropped twice!
    - Dr. Luke knows where babies come from! Something different about this DNA!
- v.28-33—Gabriel's birth announcement...
- v.34-35—Stuck on sexual; God's answer supernatural...
- Reasoned belief in Virgin birth...
- v.36-38—Support systems for steps of faith...
- v.39-45—Further confirmation from kin...

### **Jesus' Out-of-the-Ordinary Birth**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ v.31
  - Angelic announcement showing something heavenly is happening!
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ v.32-33
  - Initial ultra sounds revealing greatness...
  - Defining greatness...
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ v.44
  - Role of John the Baptist...
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 2:1ff.
  - No room in inn, shepherds as first visitors, night sky singing/glorying—a memorable first night for firstborn!!!

**Closing:** Supernatural birth shows a Savior who specializes in supernatural birth (Jn.3:3).



## Small Group

### Reflection Questions



(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

*Read: Acts 12*

*\*What do you observe about the early church in Acts?*

*\*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

*\*From Luke 1-2, what about the Christmas story most captures your attention?*

*\*What do we learn about Jesus from the angel's announcement (1:26-35)?*

*\*Put yourself in Mary or Joseph's place in this story and explain how you are doing (ie. when the angel appears, telling your parents, seeing Elizabeth, going to Bethlehem etc.).*

*\*From the beginning, this whole process seems difficult and complicated. Why do you think God made it so difficult? Can you think of a time when you knew God's plan but it seemed difficult too?*

*\*Do you think someone would have given Mary and Joseph their room if they knew who Jesus was going to be? In what ways do you "make room" for Jesus in your life? Have there been times you've shut him out too?*