

WHEN **God** WAS **Born**

CHRISTMAS AT HARVEST

Hail Mary

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1. How have you always thought about Mary? If you were Roman Catholic or you had friends who were Roman Catholic, in what ways did you or they venerate Mary that you now consider unwarranted? Why does the Roman Catholic Church venerate Mary like they do?

2. Do you think the Protestant church makes too little of Mary? How is she portrayed as a model disciple in the Scriptures?

3. Mary didn't see herself like the angel described her ("O favored one"), but the reality about her was more what the angel described than what she thought. How do Christians underestimate who they are in Christ? What effects would it have on us if we saw ourselves like God sees us in Christ?

4. How have you experienced God's company in the dark moments of your life? How does the promise that God will be with us when we follow Christ and his call on our lives encourage you?

5. Mary's submission to the will of God for her life is remarkable. Why do we struggle so much to do what she did? What practices can we implement in our lives to make submission to the Lord's will more common for us?

Passages Cited in the Sermon.... Romans 8:14-17. Exodus 3:11-12. Judges 6:12-16. Acts 18:9-10. Deuteronomy 22:23-24.