

John 1:1-5 (NLT) - In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
<sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. <sup>4</sup> The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

What God did in and through Mary is what He wants to do in every believer.

1. **"To"** - The Word (Jesus) comes to you.

Luke 1:28 (NLT) - "...Greetings favoured woman!"

2. **"In"** - The Word (Jesus) grows in you.

Matthew 1:18 (NLT) - "...she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit."

3. **"Through"** - The Word (Jesus) happens through you.

Luke 2:6-7 (NLT) - "She gave birth to her firstborn son..."

4. **"Around"** - The Word (Jesus) changes the world around you.

Matthew 1:21 (NLT) - "...He will save his people from their sins."

## Study Guide

1. In all the hustle and bustle of Christmas, what are your biggest takeaways? What are your most treasured understandings?
2. We've all seen the bumper stickers, or heard the expression "Keep Christ in Christmas." How challenging do you find that to do? Are there things that you purposefully do to make that a reality?
3. Review the points in Sunday's Christmas message. How do you see God working in your life in the following areas:
  - "To" you: How did you discover Jesus?
  - "In" you: How is Jesus growing in you?
  - "Through" you: How is Jesus using you?
  - "Around" you: How is your world being affected by Jesus in you?
4. Take time to worship and pray as you ponder the importance of the Christmas story. How can you make room for Jesus to work and operate in you?