**LET IT BE**

*38 And Mary said, ‘Lo, the maid-servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to thy saying,’ and the messenger went away from her.*

Luke 1:38 (YLT)

*18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.*

Matthew 1:18-24 (NIV)

I. Girl interrupted

A. Mary was a young girl in love.

B. God almighty is the thrice holy God (eternally) in love.

C. There is an immediate tension in the Christmas story.

D. Will our loves be challenged or fulfilled by divine interruptions?

II. Let it be!

A. Mary lets God disrupt her life. Will we?

B. Mary surrenders her plans to His presence. Will we?

C. Mary places her life in God, so God places His life in her. What about us?

D. Mary was willing to believe the impossible. Will we?

E. Mary was willing to pay the price for that belief. Will we?

F. Mary was willing to bear a child out of wedlock to bring God’s son into the world.

G. Mary was willing to apprehend her fate without being able to comprehend her fate. Will we?

III. 2019 a year of love and tension released.

A. Our greatest love(s) will be met with His greatest love!

B. Tensions many years running will be relieved this year due to the arrival of appointed seasons.

C. God will answer questions and explain mysteries this year!

D. When His love eclipses our greatest love will we say “Let it be?”