

## LA PALABRA ES LA REINA DEL MUNDO (AUT. 449)



The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth. He was sent to a young virgin who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the family of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you." Mary was troubled at these words, wondering what this greeting could mean. But the angel said, "Do not fear, Mary, for God has looked kindly on you. You shall conceive and bear a son and you shall call him Jesus. He will be great and shall rightly be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the kingdom of David, his ancestor; he will rule over the people of Jacob for-ever and his reign shall have no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be if I am a virgin?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the holy child to be born shall be called Son of God. Even your relative Elizabeth is expecting a son in her old age, although she was unable to have a child, and she is now in her sixth month. With God nothing is impossible." Then Mary said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

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Word of God is the primary  
 of our spirituality  
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## REFLEXIONES PARA LA ALIMENTAR NUESTRA RELACIÓN CON DIOS



The narrative has two protagonists: Mary a teenager, "betrothed" with Joseph and the Word. Mary symbolizes humanity that, beyond the historical situations that she lives, she believes, hopes, trusts and hopes open the arrival of God ... From the womb of a woman, Mary, the Word becomes one of us. ... loves, suffers, enjoys, fears, grows ... walks with us ... is light that breaks the darkness ... Jesus came to the world in a totally "irrelevant" way. In silence, at night, in solitude ... God "descends", becomes poor ... he "shrinks", "dwarfs" ... So contrary to what we want and we like ...! In the Incarnation, God's mercy enters the world "from below." Mary expresses her poverty, bewilderment, impossibility, fear ... how can this be? ... Do not fear! I am with you, and "nothing is impossible for God". The Word is pronounced where there is "listening." And when the Word "finds" emptiness, welcome, home, settles in, becomes part of the person, the family, the people and re-creates and transforms them ... His presence enables the free acceptance of the believer, and Trusting faith that makes say "be done!". And Mary keeps what she hears, what she sees ... and rumbles, in her heart ... It is touching to see how God comes with so much respect, even reverence, to humanity ... and asks to be part of that human family pilgrim, so painful and almost always clueless ... to make her daughter and sister

ES PALABRA DE DIOS (AUT. 450)

## REFLEXIONES PARA LA ALIMENTAR NUESTRA MISIÓN EN EL MUNDO



To look deep and long at the Mystery of the Incarnation in Mary that listens, welcomes in her heart and trusting herself with total availability, she throws herself into God's plan for her ... No program, no strategies, no foresight ... She only relies Of the Word that is manifested to him. Learn from the act and style of God ... Approach the other as it is and where it is; In silence "from below", from service, help, understanding ... As God coming out to meet, "making the way easy", encouraging, waiting and respecting their freedom for welcome ... Approaching "barefoot" Mystery of each person ... Wait patiently for openness and welcome what in freedom you want to share ... Never tired of waiting for each other ... Only God knows what is the right time of each heart ... God is involved in the history of his creatures making himself present among them in Jesus, companion of their pursuits, their fears, their pains ... to make life the loving mercy of the Father. How do I get involved, collaborate and become a channel of God's mercy towards all those with whom I relate ...?

ES PALABRA DE VIDA (AUT. 450)

## ORACIÓN DESDE LA PALABRA

We thank you, Lord, for Mary, your mother and our mother, for her sensitivity to perceive your voice and the signs of your presence; For her welcome and availability to your will ... Grant us by her intercession to have a filial heart, open and willing to serve the brother and committed to your Kingdom of fraternity. Amen

