

What An Unusual Christmas!

Text: Luke 1:26-42

Introduction: *The term 'knockoff' refers to "a copy or imitation of something, that sells for less than the original." More and more people are celebrating a knockoff Christmas that does not really include Jesus. It is an imitation of the real Christmas. Our text deals with two ordinary women with extraordinary faith, used by God to do unusual ministry for Him.*

I. God Calls Unusual_____to Ministry

I Samuel 16:6&7, 11&12; II Chronicles 16:9

We are all ordinary, sinful (Isaiah 64:6; 53:6; Romans 3:23) people whom God loves with an extraordinary love (Romans 5:8; Ephesians 3:18&19; Isaiah 55:8&9). Whether we engage in ministry or not, has little to do with our abilities and much to do with our availability.

II. God Calls People to Ministry in Unusual_____

Hebrews 1:14; Luke 1:37; Matthew 19:26

III. God Calls People to Do Unusual_____

Elizabeth's son - - Luke 1:13-17, 76&77; John 1:29-37; Matthew 3:13-17; 11:11-14

Mary's son - - Isaiah 9:6; John 14:6,9; Luke 10:11; Jn.4:42; 20:30&31

Conclusion: Luke 1:38