

## **Luke 1:26-38 – The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

**Main Idea: Nothing is impossible with God. A virgin had to conceive Jesus by the power of God the Holy Spirit to bring about our salvation, and also demonstrate this redemptive work is all of God, without the help of man.**

### **Nothing is Impossible with God (v 37)**

1. God is powerful to create galaxies and life in the womb of a virgin
2. Isaiah 7:13-14 promises a child born unto us – the One who would be King of kings and Lord of lords
  - a. This had immediate fulfillment in the prophet's day pointing to future fulfillment in Christ's day
3. The Old Testament is filled with types and shadows pointing to greater fulfillment in Jesus

### **Gabriel Sent by God to the House of David (vv 26-27)**

1. The Sixth Month – Referring to Elizabeth's pregnancy
2. Gabriel sent to Nazareth – an out of the way, rural town
3. God chooses a sexually pure woman who had not known a man, and a woman who was not yet pregnant
4. House of David – Jesus was legally in the line of King David
  - a. God made a covenant with David – His Kingdom shall not end, it will be over all nations (**Isaiah 11:10**)
  - b. Jesus is the root of Jesse and David (**Rev 22:16**)

### **Unmerited Grace Sent from God to the Virgin, Mary (vv 28-30)**

1. Mary was a Sinner in Need of a Savior – God graced her to Carry the Son of God in her Womb
2. Grace is unmerited favor from God to an undeserving sinner – it is what God gave to Christians
  - a. You were a slave to sin (**1 Corinthians 2:14**)
  - b. Jesus set you free from slavery (**John 8:34-36**)
3. God's grace does not always look pleasant to the recipient – Mary was GREATLY troubled
4. Gabriel reassures her – Grace calms fears

### **Good News Sent by God about His Son, Jesus (vv 31-33)**

1. God would use Mary to bring the Messiah into the World
2. FIVE Descriptions of Mary's Child
  - a. His name would be Jesus (Savior), the only place for safety (**Rom 10:13, 1 Cor 6:11, Phil 2:9-11, Acts 4:12, Prov 18:10**)

- b. He will be Great – Greater than any philosopher, any leader
- c. He will be Son of the Most High God
  - i. Jesus is the Unique Son of God, compared to adoption
  - ii. Demons Recognize His Sonship (**John 8:27-28**)
  - iii. The Throne of David is Given to Jesus – connection to His Sonship
  - iv. The Seed of the Woman promised in Genesis would move to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah (where the ruler's staff would not part) (**Genesis 49:10**)
  - v. God makes a covenant with David – the Lineage of David would sit on the Throne forever (**2 Samuel 7:12-16**)
  - vi. Isaiah is explicit it would be an eternal King (**9:6-7**)
- d. He Would Sit on David's Throne
  - i. He would be King who is Holy, the Son of God, Savior of His people, His Reign will Never End
  - ii. He is alive now ruling and governing the World

### **A Great Question from Mary & Gabriel's Response (vv 34-35)**

1. Mary's Question – I am a virgin! How?
2. Gabriel's Answer – The Holy Spirit = it is a mystery how this happened
3. The Virgin Birth is a CORE Belief in Christianity
  - a. Jesus is a Sign to the World (**Isaiah 7**)
  - b. Jesus enters the World not as an ordinary Man, but the God-man who can save us (Humans do not save Humans)
  - c. God bypassed Original Sin – Adam through the virgin birth

### **God, The Holy Spirit's Omnipotent Power (vv 36-37)**

1. God performs Miracles – Elizabeth in her barren old age is with child, able to conceive a baby in a virgin's womb
2. Nothing is impossible with God!!!!
3. I wonder if Mary felt a sigh of relief: Someone else will believe my story

### **The Godliness of Mary's Response (v 38)**

1. I am a servant – a slave to God; I am at His disposal
2. Response of Faith, Obedience, Humble Submission
3. Huge Amount of Trust
  - a. What would Joseph think? The Betrothal?
  - b. Possibility of being Stoned to death under Mosaic Law
  - c. Subject to Divorce
  - d. Outcast Status for being Pregnant before Wed, Unchaste
  - e. She is around 14 Years Old
4. How do we respond? Are we at God's disposal?