

"Daughter of her Son"

Luke 1.26-38

People in EVERY NATION will PAUSE and WORSHIP Jesus this Christmas  
 Many SOLDIERS around World will - SING PRAISES TO PRINCE PEACE  
 Hear BELOVED Story of Birth – SING Hymns and Carols of His GLORY  
 2000 yrs Passed Since he was BORN – Yet More Follow Him every Year!

Jesus Never went on TV – Never Wrote a Book – Never Rode a Plane or Car  
 Never Traveled More than 200 kms from Home – Public Life just 3 years

“all the armies that ever marched, all the navies ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all kings who ever reigned, put together, have not affected the human race as powerfully as the one solitary life of Jesus” Anonymous

GOSPEL Historian – Dr. Luke – Presents Story with Beautiful Simplicity  
 Holy Spirit of God INSPIRED this Follower to write very WORD of God  
 Like Savior – Fully God and Man / Scriptures – Fully Word of God & Man

## 1. Surprise

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ANNUNCIATION – Announcement – WORLD-CHANGING SURPRISE!!

MAKER of the UNIVERSE will become a HELPLESS BABY BOY

OMNIPRESENT God will be LIMITED to Flesh and Bones and Breath

OWNER of All will be SWADDLED in RAGS and SLEEP in Feeding Trough

MARY might NOT be our Choice to be MOTHER of SON of God

YOUNG – Usual age for BETROTHAL was 12! Maybe 13!

Awkward Stage between CHILDHOOD and WOMANHOOD

Greatest SHOCK of her Young Life > Sees Angel of God....

v. 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

### a. Humble

v. 27 a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary

BETROTHAL > ONE Year period of ENGAGEMENT > Prepare for Marriage

ALREADY Called HUSBAND and WIFE > End Betrothal is DIVORCE

v. 26 a city of Galilee named Nazareth

Hometown of Nazareth RIDICULED by Nathaniel – Nothing Good from there?

“a nobody in a nothing town in the middle of nowhere”      Kent Hughes

### b. Honor Young Mary given GREATEST HONOR ever Given to any Woman

vs. 26, 28 the angel Gabriel was sent from God...And he came to her and said,  
“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”      Elizabeth

Mary TRAVELED to See ELDER Cousin who was 6 Months Pregnant w/ JOHN

vs. 42,43 “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!  
And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

“O Mary, you are blessed. You have a gracious God. No woman has ever lived on earth to whom God has shown such grace”      Martin Luther's paraphrase v. 28

Roman Catholics say, “Hail Mary, Full of Grace” – WRONG Translation

Mary is NOT FULL of Grace, She, like US, FOUND GRACE

Mary, like US, RECEIVES GRACE, DOES NOT GIVE IT AWAY

She is being GREETED by the Angel - NOT PRAYED TO

v. 47 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior > Only NEED Savior IF Sinner

Mary REJOICES in her REDEMPTION

Beginning of Jesus LIFE Reveals PATTERN His Life will FOLLOW

MEEKNESS leads to MAJESTY

Goes LOW before He goes HIGH > CROSS will lead to the CROWN

HUMILITY will lead to HONOR > SUFFERING will lead to GLORY

Following Jesus demands TREADING the Same PATH > Call to SERVE

Jesus: “For he who is least among you all is the one who is great” Luke 9.48

Jesus: “I am among you as the one who serves” Luke 22.27

God defines GREATNESS Not by STATUS but by SERVICE

Jesus is GREATEST > By His SACRIFICE on CROSS > SERVANT of ALL

Couple Years ago talking with Highly Educated Chinese Woman NOT Xtian

CURIOUS What I Believed as Pastor and Follower of Jesus Christ

TOLD her this GOSPEL Story – Simply as I Could

She replied, “So...this god you believe in HAS A SON?!”

NEWS > STILL SURPRISING Today!!

Admit Her SKEPTICISM made me EMBARRASSED – Surprising TRUE Story!

## 2. Sovereignty

Some Ways LUKE take STING Out of SURPRISE > Jesus like JOHN  
Both VISITED by Angel GABRIEL and given AMAZING PROMISE  
COUSINS – Godly Parents MIRACULOUS Births – Hymns of PRAISE

BIRTHS of Jesus & John – Like ALL Births – have Several SIMILARITIES  
Luke makes CLEAR that this SON born of Mary > NO ORDINARY CHILD

John’s Mother was BARREN, Jesus’ Mother NEVER Been with a MAN  
John: Will be PROPHET in Wilderness / Jesus > KING on David’s Throne

John: “he will be great before the Lord”                      Luke 1.15

Jesus: v. 32 “He will be great” – LIKE GOD with NO Qualification, Limitation

How great are your works, O LORD!                      Psalm 92.5

John “he will be filled with the Holy Spirit”      Luke 1.15

Jesus v. 35 CONCEIVED by the Holy Spirit

John > PREPARED the Way for the LORD to COME

Jesus > IS the LORD who has COME! EMMANUEL > God with Us!

vs. 30-33 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

FURTHER you READ into LUKE > More Learn about Greatness of Jesus

...the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3.22

A voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" Luke 9.35

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. Acts 2.32,33

**BIBLE Presents DECLARATIONS in the form of a DEMAND > Must Respond!**

**Will YOU WORSHIP Him? Today and Forever? Or WALK Away from Him?**

When GOD WINS we...

### 3. Surrender

v. 34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

Zechariah asked SIMILAR Question

v. 18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years."

#### a. Details

**TONE of Mary's Question Different > Not DOUBT wants DETAILS**

**Unlike Zechariah, Mary FULLY BELIEVED the PROMISE of the ANGEL**

**OK, I am WILLING to have this CHILD > But Exactly HOW will this Happen?**

**Mary was SAVING HERSELF for Marriage > Never had Sex, HOW have Son?**

v. 35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy— the Son of God.”

DR. Luke gives the MEDICAL and THEOLOGICAL Facts > NOT Wild MYTH  
Matter of FACT Style – PROBLEM is SOLVED if you BELIEVE in GOD!

“he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary”  
Apostle’s Creed

“was incarnated by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man”  
Nicene Creed

Holy Sp. OVERSHADOWED Mother of New Creation as He did in 1<sup>st</sup> Creation  
And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1.2

Jesus came to TABERNACLE Among Us, Holy Sp overshadowed 1<sup>st</sup> Tabern..  
...the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the  
tabernacle  
Exodus 40.34

Spirit that GAVE BIRTH to Jesus also RAISED Jesus from DEATH

...declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his  
resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord  
Romans 1.4

Miraculous Conception > GOD did NOT NEED to use SEX  
Young Woman

Believing This > VIRGIN CONCEPTION > Made Pregnant by Holy Spirit

Admit DIFFICULT to Believe, Bible DEMANDS We Believe, NOT OPTION

If you DENY this Truth > You DENY Your FAITH in God > Make Him LIAR  
If NOT TRUE...

Mary would be SEXUALLY IMMORAL, BIBLE WOULD BE FICTION!

Jesus Christ would NOT be God in Human Flesh > Could Not be our SAVIOR

VIRGIN Conception > 2 Natures, Human and Divine, FULLY God AND Man  
SENT into World WITHOUT Sin > Lived life and NEVER SINNED

Fully QUALIFIED by HOLY BIRTH & BEHAVIOR to be Righteous Savior

v. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son,  
and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

WHAT God did ALREADY for Cous. Eliz, PROOF What He will Do for Mary

b. Declaration v. 37 “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

2000 years EARLIER SARAH Laughed when LORD > She have Son!?

The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a  
child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed  
time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Genesis 18.13,14

JUST as OLD, BARREN SARAH & Elizabeth bore ISAAC and JOHN

So, this Young Virgin Mary will GIVE BIRTH to the Very Son of God

A hearty reception of this great principle is of immense importance to our own  
inward peace.

J.C. Ryle

Maybe something in YOUR LIFE Seems IMPOSSIBLE??

PERHAPS a SIN you cannot STOP Committing

Perhaps DOUBT that you REALLY Are FORGIVEN of your Sins

Doubt if you can PAY all your BILLS

Perhaps cannot BELIEVE Your FAMILY Members will ever Follow Jesus

Perhaps UNABLE to ENDURE Suffering or Hardship you are FACING

Nothing will be IMPOSSIBLE with God – He is the GOD of the VIRGIN Birth

There is no sin he cannot forgive, no relationship he cannot reconcile, no problem he cannot resolve, no need he cannot meet, no ministry he cannot bless, no grief he cannot comfort, no life he cannot reclaim, no sinner he cannot save. The God of the virgin birth is the God who makes all things possible. Philip Ryken

c. Decision – Mary makes one of GREATEST Statements of FAITH in Bible

v. 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Young GIRL has MORE FAITH than OLD PRIEST Zechariah

Does NOT DOUBT and QUESTION like OLD MAN MOSES

Does NOT turn and RUN AWAY like PROPHET JONAH

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
Hebrews 11.1

UNWAVERING Acceptance of WORD of God – God said it, I BELIEVE it!

Trusted God for IMPOSSIBLE – No RESERVATION or QUALIFICATION

Did NOT PUT OUT a FLEECE – NOT have to PRAY ABOUT IT!

Mary to God “I am your SERVANT, lit. SLAVE” – Humble, Trusting, Obedient

This was GREAT HONOR – Why Me? – MOTHER to the SON OF GOD!!

But Young Mary was NO FOOL – Realized, Not Fully, it would be HARD!

SUSPICION of her PARENTS, SADNESS of Husband, SHAME of her Village

She is PREGNANT – UNMARRIED – ALONE! -- NO Thought of ABORTION

O.T. Law she could Receive DEATH PENALTY for ADULTERY



Did NOT Know she was AGREEING to...

JOURNEY to Bethlehem – 100 kms on Donkey – Far into Pregnancy

Frantic FLIGHT to Egypt from Dangers of Bethlehem – Hatred of King Herod

Raising a Son who NEVER SINNED while being a SINFUL MOM!

Watching her PRECIOUS SON be NAILED to a CROSS

Having a SWORD of GRIEF PIERCE HER BROKEN HEART

Seeing his DEAD BODY sealed away into a STRANGERS TOMB

“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

Can YOU TRUST God like Mary – No Reservations – No Turning Back?

Can you Follow Her SON on the DEATH March to Cross?

Must KNOW Him in his Sufferings to Experience his Resurrection Life

He has RISEN From Death – He is the KING who Reigns on David’s Throne

vs. 31-33 ...Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

WORLD will Worship Jesus again this Christmas – Every Year until He Returns

Will you be Surprised by His Grace

Bow to Him as Sovereign

And Surrender to Him as Lord and Savior?

Then you can say with his Mother...

vs. 46-50 Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

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