

Luke 1 pt 3

Luke 1: 26-38 (NASB)

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you." ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

1. Luke is writing to Theophilus an orderly account of the story of Jesus
 - a. He's writing to all of the **Lovers of God** and those who will become lovers of God through the Gospel
 - b. so we can be grounded in the truth

c. We looked at Zacharias' encounter with Gabriel

1. This passage gives us the background history of Jesus' birth

I. Christ in you, the hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)

1. Normally, anyone writing history would highlight those important figures like the emperor or Rome, King of Israel, the high priest...

a. Instead here God wants to instruct us about who heaven values as most significant in the ushering of the Messiah

2. After Gabriel meets with Zacharias, he meets Mary 6 months into Elizabeth's pregnancy

3. He appears now to young Mary in Nazareth

a. Who is this young lady from Nazareth?

i. Can anything good come out of Nazareth? (John 1:46)

b. The Bible tells us that she was a young virgin & a descendant of King David and yet her family was poor

i. Espoused to Joseph the carpenter

c. **In Jewish custom, marriage came in 3 parts**

- i. Engaged - spoken for
- ii. Espoused (official contract only broken by divorce)
- iii. Married

- i. Although they were not fully married, Joseph wanted to secretly divorce Mary

4. This is the biggest event in all of history

- a. God's wisdom is selecting a young lady to be the carrier of the Messiah

- i. Why Mary

- ii. Some believe that there was something unique about her

- iii. However, to follow popular beliefs that Mary was a "special" person would miss the point of the story

- iv. **God chooses those who are not special**

- v. His Hand is on the ordinary and unknown

- 1. Who was Abraham before God called him?

2. Who was Joseph, the spoiled young son of Jacob?
3. Who was Esther, the slave in a foreign land?

vi. God has a way of looking to the unnoticed and forgotten

vii. "I am but dust and ashes" (Gen 18:27)

5. Greetings favored one, The LORD is with you.

6. She certainly never expected to see an angel and receive special favors from heaven. There was nothing unique about her that such things should happen. If she had been different from other Jewish girls, as some theologians claim she was, then she might have said, "Well, it's about time! I've been expecting you!" No, all of this was a surprise to her (**Wiersbe**)

7. You are highly favored (Charitoo #5487)

a. You found grace and acceptance with God

b. Only found in 1 other place

- i. **Eph 1:6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He **made us accepted** in the Beloved. (favored, freely bestowed)

- c. Mary was highly favored [as] Christ was placed in her
- d. We are highly favored [as] we are in Christ. (Courson)

e. This same favor and acceptance of Mary belongs to every believer

8. Blessed are you among women, not above women

9. We are all accepted in the beloved... If we dare believe

10. Many say "not for me" "I don't deserve this"

a. Or I've walked with God before and walked away

b. Or I've messed up too badly

c. **His mercies are renewed every morning.**

11. **Vs. 31**, You will **conceive** and bear a son and call His name Jesus (Jehovah is Salvation). And He will be great and called the Son of the Highest;...

12. Note that Gabriel affirmed both the deity and the humanity of Jesus. As Mary's son, He would be human; as Son of the Highest (Luke 1:32), He would be the Son of God (Luke 1:35). "For unto us a child is born [His humanity], unto us a son is given [His

deity]” (Isa. 9:6). The emphasis is on the greatness of the Son
(**Wiersbe**)

13. A supernatural occurrence is about to take place
14. God is not going to bring Jesus to be near you. He's going to place Jesus in you
15. **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives **in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
16. **Col. 1:27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.
17. **This blessing of God was:**
 - a. Brought to her
 - b. Grow in her
 - c. Delivered through her
 - d. Change the world around her
18. This blessing of God is never forced on anyone

19. **How does all this happen?**

20. **How can this happen since I do not know a man?**

21. **John 5**, the lame man said, There is no one to put me in the water

a. **Our natural reaction is to look for people to help**

22. **People do have a role like Elizabeth who will be an example**

23. Elizabeth is further along and the promise is good for her

a. Hang out with Elizabeth and be encouraged that what God did for others, He will also do for you

b. Make sure you are hanging out with people who are building you

24. **But the miracle will not happen by anyone but God**

25. How will Jesus be within me?

a. How will He take residence when there is darkness inside?

26. The **Holy Spirit will come upon you** and the power of the most high will overshadow you
27. God has a way of creating something out of nothing
28. He has ways of creating light out of darkness
29. **Genesis 1:2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
30. The Spirit of God is drawn to restore light into dark places
 - a. Restore value on anything voided
 - b. Bring back meaning to what's considered formless
31. Without God's Spirit, freedom, truth, restoration are not possible
32. It is impossible for a virgin to have a child
33. **It is impossible for us to carry the Son of God in us without the Holy Spirit**
34. The Holy Spirit is drawn to the voids of hurting and the broken

35. **Jesus acknowledges the Holy Spirits work**

- a. **Luke 4:18** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

36. Jesus wants to be born in that area in your life that was previously dark

- a. Those areas that you've written off, God wants to do a miracle there

37. That's why we cling to the scriptures because it's the seed that impregnates us.

- a. God's Word is powerful

38. The KEY to this miracle is:

39. **Let it be to me** according to your word:

40. Without Mary's approval, this would not have happened

41. **Although she did not know how: She simply believed and received**

42. If received by faith, the miracle will grow naturally inside of me

43. Mary believed and received the promise:

44. **Conception** changes the whole anatomy of the pregnant one:

a. **A facial glow will gradually happen to a pregnant woman**

i. Others will notice a glow on your face and a peaceable joy

1. Moses Face shone

b. **Clothing changes**

i. What I put on changes.

1. My previous tight fitting clothing drawing attention to myself is not going to work any longer

ii. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ - And only draw attention to Him

c. **Heightened sense of smell**

i. I become cautious of where I go and who I'm around

ii. Everything in her life now revolves around the baby

iii. **Philip. 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

d. **Increased appetite**

i. I have an insatiable appetite for the Word of God

ii. I cannot have enough of the presence of God

45. **Luke 1:37** For with God nothing will be impossible." For no word from God shall be void of power

a. **Nothing is too difficult for God**

46. Let it be to me according to your word:

a. Vs. 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

b. The promise was conceived in her

c. The promise was growing in her

d. The appointed time will come for delivery = **Ministry**

47. Impact the world around her = **Fruitful Ministry that brings this same living word to others and have them RECEIVE THE SEED and repeat many times over**
48. Mary's womb became a Holy of Holies for the Son of God!
49. Every person here is a Mary.
50. God wants to repeat this same miracle in each of us
51. He'll continue to pursue you until Christ is formed in you.
52. My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, **Gal 4:19**
53. This is done practically by requesting from God to fill us with His Spirit continually.