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**Luke 1:26-38**

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**26** In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.

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**Luke 1:28-29**

**28** The angel went to her and said,  
“Greetings, you who are highly  
favored! The Lord is with  
you.” **29** Mary was greatly troubled  
at his words and wondered what  
kind of greeting this might be.

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**“Mary was young, poor, female—all characteristics that, people in her day, would make her seem unusable by God for any major task. But God chose Mary for one of the most important acts of obedience He has ever demanded of anyone.”**

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**Luke 1:30-33**

**30** But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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**Isaiah 7:14**

**14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.**

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**“This title [The Son of the Most High] has two senses: the divine Son of God and the Messiah born in time. His Messiahship is clearly referred to in the following context.”**

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**Daniel 7:13-14**

**13** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.



**14** He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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**“Although Christ’s role as mediator will one day be finished, the Kingdom of the Father and the Son, as one will never end.”**

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**2 Samuel 7:16**

**16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me ; your throne will be established forever.’**

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**Luke 1:34**

**34** “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

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**“Mary understandably wonders how a child can be promised to her since she is sexually inexperienced.”**

**Darrell Bock**

**”Her question is born out of wonder, not doubt, not disbelief, so the angel did not rebuke her as he had Zechariah.”**

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**Luke 1:35-37**

**35** The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For nothing is impossible with God.”

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**“Why is the Virgin Birth important to the Christian faith? Jesus was born without the sin that entered the world through Adam... Jesus Christ, God’s Son, had to be free from the sinful nature passed on to all other human beings by Adam.**

**Because Jesus was born of a woman,  
He was a human being; but as the  
Son of God, Jesus was born without  
any trace of human sin. Jesus is both  
fully human and fully divine. Because  
Jesus lived as a man, human beings  
know that He fully understands their  
experiences and struggles. Because  
He is God, He has the power and  
authority to deliver people from sin.”**



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**Luke 1:38**

**38 “I am the Lord’s servant,”  
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Then the angel left her.**

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**“Mary was in an extremely embarrassing and difficult position. Betrothed to Joseph, she faced the stigma of unwed motherhood. Joseph would obviously have known that the child was not his. She would have been accused of adultery-an offense punishable by stoning. Yet she willingly and generously submitted to the will of God.”**

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# **Application**

**God can use anyone at  
anytime in anyway.  
Are we willing?**

# Final Thoughts

**“God’s favor does not automatically bring instant success or fame. His blessing of Mary, the honor of being the mother of the Messiah, would lead to much pain: her peers would ridicule her, her fiancé would come close to leaving her; her son would be rejected and murdered.**

**But through her son would come the world's only hope, and this is why Mary has been praised by countless generations as the young girl who "found favor with God." Her submission was part of God's plan to bring about our salvation."**

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**“When Gabriel announced to Mary that she would give birth to Jesus, he was proclaiming the fulfillment of a promise made nine hundred years earlier to King David.**

**“Jesus would be the promised  
Messiah, the king who would  
reign forever on David’s  
throne. The Annunciation  
reminds us that god is a God  
who always keeps His promises.  
We can trust that for today.”**

**Mark Strauss**

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