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26 In the sixth month, 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. **28** The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

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Isaiah 7:14

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

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“The importance of the virgin birth cannot be overstated. A right view of the incarnation hinges on the truth that Jesus was virgin born. Both Luke and Matthew expressly state that Mary was a virgin when she conceived. The Holy Spirit wrought the conception through supernatural means. The nature of Christ’s conception testifies of both His deity and His sinlessness.”

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Luke 1:29-33

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

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“Mary was humbled and puzzled that the angel should say she was ‘favored.’ The word indicates that Mary received grace, not that she was the source of grace to others.”

Jesus means “Yahweh is salvation”

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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 the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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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.”

“Since a son bears his father’s qualities, calling a person someone else’s “son” was a way of signifying equality. Here the angel is telling Mary that her Son would be equal to the Most High God.”

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“Jesus was David’s physical descendant through Mary’s line. David’s “throne” was emblematic of the messianic kingdom”

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Psalm 89:27-29,

27 I will appoint him my firstborn,
the most exalted of the kings of the
earth. **28** I will maintain my love to
him forever, and my covenant with
him will never fail. **29** I will
establish his line forever, his throne
as long as the heavens endure.

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Psalm 89:35-37

35 Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness — and I will not lie to David — **36** that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun; **37** it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky.”

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Luke 1:34-37

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

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon 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.

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“This was a creative act of the Holy Spirit, not the sort of divine-human cohabitation something seen in pagan mythology.”

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Genesis 1:2

**Now the earth was formless
and empty, darkness was over
the surface of the deep, and
the Spirit of God was hovering
over the waters.**

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36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. **37** For nothing is impossible with God.”

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“Elizabeth, and therefore Mary, was a descendant of Aaron. The reference to “his father David” show that Mary was also of Davidic descent. One of her parents was evidentially descended from Aaron and one from David.”

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Mark 10:26-27

26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” **27** Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

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Luke 1:38

**“I am the Lord’s servant,”
Mary answered. May it be to
me as you have said.” 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 have obviously have known that the child was not his. She knew she would be accused of adultery-an offence punishable by stoning. Yet she willingly and graciously submitted to the will of God.”

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Luke 1:46-55

46 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord **47** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, **48** for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, **49** for the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. **51** He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. **52** He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. **54** He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful **55** to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”

Applications

- **We must believe in the Virgin Birth**
- **We must believe that Jesus is both God Incarnate and fully man**
- **Follow Mary's example**

Final Thoughts

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”