

Luke 1:26-38
"Angel Gabriel & Mary"

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1. Introduction

- a. Lk 1:37 nothing impossible with God
- b. Context: Mary's cousin Elizabeth 6 months pregnant with John the Baptist (Lk 1:24-26)
 - Zacharias & Elizabeth old
 - Elizabeth infertile (Lk 1:7)
- c. Gabriel tells Mary, "You will have a son..." (Lk 1:31)
 - how is a child possible without a father? (Lk 1:34)
- d. Gabriel's answer, "Your barren cousin Elizabeth now 6 months pregnant (Lk 1:36).
- e. Christmas story is about miracle of Jesus beginning

2. Angel Gabriel Amazing Message

- a. God sent special angel to Mary
 - God records his name
 - young, engaged woman to Joseph & she had never been sexually active
 - she lived in a small poor town of Nazareth in region of Galilee
- b. God chose Mary
 - Lord is with her
 - Mary is highly favored in God's eyes
 - God has special job for Mary
 - her son Jesus will sit on His ancestor David's throne
- c. Jesus, Mary's son
 - will be called Son of the Highest (son of God)
 - will be great
 - will rule over Jacob's house forever
 - will not be any end to His kingdom

3. God's Promises / Prophecies

- a. David would have enduring throne & kingdom
 - 2 Sam 7:11-16 throne forever, kingdom forever, enduring lineage
- b. Virgin will have a child (without a father)
 - Is 7:10-16
 - sign to unbelieving house of David

4. Amazing Power of Almighty God

- a. Mary, child & no father? How can this be?
- b. How will this Son of God begin life?
 - Holy Spirit will come upon Mary
 - God's power will overshadow her
 - her egg will be fertilized
 - * chromosome number will double
 - * sex chromosome will be male
- c. Son of God called the Holy One
- d. Creating children is within God's power
 - her barren cousin Elizabeth now pregnant
 - Old Testament women - Sarah & Hannah
 - with God, nothing ~~example~~ impossible

5. Mary's Humble Obedience

- a. "Lord's handmaid" means God's servant
 - she understood the price of obedience
- b. "Be it unto me" means let it happen
- c. "according to your word"
 - this ^{was} God's words
- d. Mary ^{went} quickly to the Judean hill country to visit Elizabeth
 - she became pregnant between Nazareth & Elizabeth's home (Lk 1:39-41)