

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

24 And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying,

25 Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men.

26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

*“Zachariah and Elizabeth had been childless for many years, but God was waiting for the right time to take away their disgrace.”*

# The Gospel of **LUKE**

Lesson 2

Chapter One - Verses 20-38

## Can't Talk

Chapter 1, Verses 20-25 - Zacharias is punished for not believing God's promise.

1. Because Zacharias did not believe God, he was punished and would not be able to talk until the child was **born**.
2. When Zacharias finally came out of the sanctuary, he had to use **hand** gestures to communicate with the people.
3. The congregation knew that Zacharias had seen a **vision**.
4. When Elizabeth became pregnant she went into seclusion in her home for **five** months, praising and thanking God for what he had done.



When the Christian does not believe God, it will seal their **lips**, and cause them to lose their witness, testimony and song.

## God's Choice

Chapter 1, Verses 26-30 - God chooses Mary to be the mother of Jesus.

1. God **sent** the Angel Gabriel to the small city of Nazareth, to tell a virgin named Mary, that God has a plan for her.
2. Mary was engaged to a young man named Joseph, a descendant of King **David**.
3. Mary was troubled by the angel's greeting; she **wondered** what it meant.
4. The angel calmed her fears and told her that God had **chosen** her to be the mother of His son.



The Angel Gabriel did not **worship** Mary or pray to her; he simply greeted her.



The Angel Gabriel did not **say** that Mary was full of grace, but that she was highly favored.



Mary was an unknown, young, poor, female, but God still chose her. Don't you ever **think** that God can't use you!



Mary is going to learn that being God's chosen, does not bring instant success. Because God chose Mary, she will have to endure much **pain** and mocking.

# Wonderful Name

Chapter 1, Verses 31-33 - The Angel Gabriel tells Mary about the greatness of her Son.

1. The Angel Gabriel told Mary that she will become **pregnant** by the Holy Ghost, give birth to a son and call his name Jesus (meaning Jehovah is the Savior).
2. The Angel Gabriel told Mary, that Jesus will be a **great** person and many will call Him the Son of God (Highest).
3. The Angel Gabriel told Mary, that God will give Jesus the throne of His father **David**.
4. The Angel Gabriel told Mary that Jesus' kingdom will never **end**.



1000 years before the birth of Jesus, God promised David that David's kingdom would last **forever** (2Samuel 7:16). This promise was fulfilled in the coming of Jesus, a direct descendant of David, whose Kingdom will never end.



700 years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesied that a virgin girl will become pregnant. She'll have a son and name him Immanuel which means 'God with **Us**'. (Isaiah 7:14)

# Mary's Confusion

Chapter 1, Verses 34-38: - Mary needed some help understanding God's plan.

1. Mary was expected to **believe** the miraculous.
2. Mary did not understand how she could become pregnant and have a child, when she had **never** had relations with a man.
3. The Angel Gabriel told Mary that her pregnancy would be a **miracle** of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Angel Gabriel told Mary that Elizabeth her **cousin**, was six months pregnant also.
5. The Angel Gabriel encouraged Mary to believe that **nothing** is impossible for God.
6. After the Angel Gabriel explained all these things, Mary told the Angel that she is Lord's maid, and she is ready to **serve** Him.



Why is the Virgin Birth so important? Because Jesus was born of a woman makes Him human; but because Jesus is the Son of God, Jesus was born without any **sin**.



The birth of Jesus to a virgin is a miracle that many people find hard to believe. But if we believe that God is the Creator of the universe, we should have no doubts that God has the power to create a **child** in a virgin's womb. - LASB



Mary submitted to God's **plan**, even though she did not completely understand it!

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

*“God's announcement of the birth of a special child was met with various responses throughout Scripture. Sarah, Abraham's wife, laughed at God. Zechariah the father of John the Baptist, doubted God. By contrast, Mary graciously submitted to the plan of God. She believed the angel's words and agreed to bear the Christ child, even under humanly impossible circumstances. God is able to do the impossible. Our response to his demands should not be laughter or doubt but an obedient, willing acceptance.”*

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