



Resources

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Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And 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 call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

34 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

I. The Recipient of Grace (26-30)

II. The Revelation of Grace (31-37)

III. The Response of Grace (38)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- After the angel greeted Mary “she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be” (1:29). What would have troubled or confused Mary about this greeting?
- Compare and contrast the two birth announcements in this chapter. How is the wisdom of God revealed in the setting of these births?
- Some elevate Mary too much and some seem to forget or ignore her. Pastor Scott taught us that when Gabriel calls her *favored one*, it is a passive participle - something done to her, not something she has done to earn the title. Why is it important that we understand that Mary is a recipient of grace and not a source of grace? How does this understanding affect our grasp of the Gospel for ourselves?
- Why is the doctrine of the virgin birth so important to our worship of Christ?
- When was the last time you received God’s change of plans for your life the way that Mary did in verse 38? What present challenge or circumstance can you receive with this kind of humble obedience?
- As God’s chosen people, like the people of Israel in the Old Testament, we are favored *because he chose us*. Even when we feel small and insignificant, we can know that God sees us. In what way does this truth encourage you to labor on this week?

