

Disciple's Quest

*IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE
TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE.*

JOHN 8:31



December 6, 2020
Great & Greatest Part Two
Luke 1:26 - 38

Main Idea

The birth of Jesus, the Messiah, is announced.

Outline

Four points to help us grasp the historical record of the announcement of the birth of Jesus:

- 1) The Situation: a dark time (v. 5a)
- 2) The Sent One (Gabriel) (v.v. 26 - 30)
 - a) His destination: Nazareth
 - b) The recipient of his message: Mary
 - Two important facts about Mary
 - She was a virgin
 - She was betrothed to a descendant of David
- 3) The Staggering, Stupendous News (v.v. 31 - 37)
 - 3 big headlines:
 - The virgin would bear a Son (v. 31; Isaiah 7:14)
 - The Son would be God's own (v.32a; Isaiah 9:6)
 - The Son would be the eternal king promised to David (v.v. 32 - 33; I Chronicles 17:7-14)
- 4) The Submissive Slave (Mary) (v.38)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

1. According to the message, what is the significance of the virgin birth?

Is it possible to deny the virgin birth of Jesus and be saved? Why or why not?

2. When will the promise of Christ's reign described in v.v. 32 – 33 be realized fully?

3. Would you describe Mary's faith, demonstrated in her words in v. 38, as exemplary? Compare and contrast her response to the news delivered to her by Gabriel with the response of Zacharias.