



Mary Made Room!

Based on Luke 1:26-38

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And Mary said, “Behold, the Lord’s bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word...”

- Luke 1:38, NASB 2020



A. Mary’s Story

1. The Facts of Mary’s Life.

Luke 1:26-27, NASB 2020 -²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee named Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.

- Older Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy.
- The Angel Gabriel was sent to Mary with a message from God.
- Nazareth was a remote, tiny village in a remote corner of the Roman Empire.
- She was engaged to a young man named Joseph.
- V. 27 mentions twice that Mary was a virgin.

2. The Fear in Mary’s Heart.

Luke 1:28-30, NLT -²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!”²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.³⁰ “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor* with God!

- This encounter is very beautiful, powerful, and personal.
- The word “favored” is used only one other time in the NT in Ephesians 1:6 where it means the *free giving of God’s grace* for us to be saved.

Ephesians 1:6, NLT -⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out* on us who belong to his dear Son.

3. The Fascination in Mary’s Mind.

Luke 1:31-34, NASB 2020 -³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”³⁴ But Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

- He will be named Jesus!
- He will be great and will be the Son of the Most High!
- He will be given the throne of David—forever!

4. The Faith of Mary’s Will.

Luke 1:35-38, NASB 2020 -³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason also the holy Child will be called the Son of God.³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth herself has conceived a son in her old age, and she who was called infertile is now in her sixth month.³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.”³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, the Lord’s bond-servant; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

- The word “overshadow” was understood as *Sakinah*—the glory of God.
- The angel pointed out specifically, *“Nothing will be impossible with God.”*
- Mary made room in her heart for the Christ.



B. Mary’s Example

- **SUBMISSION** - “Bondservant” indicates that Mary was saying, *“I am yours, Lord!”*
- **OBEDIENCE** - Mary said, *“May it be to me according to your word.”*