



LIFework

Week of Dec. 13, 2020

Luke 1:26-38

Son of the Most High

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back through the message and notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

What was the single "highlight" that impacted you?

Getting Started:

Think of something *great*. What does "great" mean to you? Last week Gabriel told Zechariah that John would be great and Jesus called him the greatest. But here, the angel says it again about Jesus. Share your ideas.

In this passage, a heavenly visitor comes to Mary and proclaims that she will miraculously bear a child, and that he will be great. Let's see what greatness is for Jesus as we delve into this famous passage.

1. Have someone read this text aloud with the rest following along. I love how Luke gives us a timestamp in Verse 26. Think of reading this same section in the year 134 and 2020. Look back to verses 5-24 to be reminded of what happened six months earlier.
2. What do we learn about Joseph in verse 27? How is Mary described?
3. How does the angel encourage Mary in verses 28-31? Have you ever experienced God's grace or favor in an unusual way? Talk about it. How did it feel? How did you respond?
4. In verse 32 Gabriel says that Jesus will be "great." Then he describes four things in 32-33 that Jesus will be or have or do. These were a significant portion of this week's message. Summarize them with one word.
5. Our concept of kingship these days is pretty shallow, mostly centering around the drama of the British royal family or an entertainer buried in Graceland. Pastor discussed a true monarchy. What power did kings have in the ancient world? What would it mean to have a king whose kingdom would never end?
6. What does it mean for us today that Jesus is an eternal king, whose kingdom will never end? This was written in the mid first century. How do you read this in 134 vs 2020? Where do you think his kingdom is today? How might this change or enlarge your concept of Jesus? How does it honestly make you feel about him?
7. What progression do you see in Mary's responses in verses 29, 34, and 38? How does Gabriel answer her question about how this could happen (verses 35-37)? Have you ever experienced going from confusion to questioning to faith? What was the situation?
8. What do you think the angel's statement in verse 37 meant for Mary? What could it mean for you today?

In Closing:

In this story, Gabriel gives an announcement, a Word from God, and describes Jesus as the great King. Mary responds, after some perplexity and questioning, with faith in this Word. What does it mean for you to live by faith in the Word? What would this faith look like? What practical small step of faith could you take this week, based on God's Word?



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1) **HOW** did God break into his creation to save sinners?

2) **WHO** accomplished this “break-in”?

1) How did God break into His creation to save sinners?

a. By doing the **IMPOSSIBLE**

b. Through a **VIRGIN**

c. An heir of **DAVID**

a **JEW** to vindicate every promise

a **MAN** to identify with every nation

d. God Himself in the **FLESH** (Jesus)

God Himself in an infusion of power (Holy Spirit)

2) Who broke into His creation to save sinners?

a. **THRONE**

b. **REIGN**

c. **KINGDOM**

Democracy vs Monarchy

4 Reasons that you prefer this **MONARCHY**

❖ **HOLY**

❖ **SON OF GOD**

❖ Jesus (Ἰησοῦς - ג'ושוע – Joshua – **SAVIOR**)

❖ **FOREVER**

God broke into the universe (**YOUR** world/**YOUR** life) to be an eternally holy, divine, saving king