

Luke 1 Pt 2

Jesus

1. **Accumulation Eye-Witness Accounts:** Jesus' birth/life/death/resurrection
2. **Birth of J the B Announced:** Zack/Liz' boy will usher in Messiah

III. Christ's Birth Proclaimed to Mary

26 Now in the **sixth month** the angel **Gabriel was sent by 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. **The virgin's name was Mary.**

Sixth Months after Angel Gabriel sent to Zach/Liz... God sends Gabe to Mary

- City of Nazareth/Region of Galilee
- Betrothed to Joseph descendant of David
- **Mary is a virgin.**

28 And **having come in**, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

Angel Gabriel walks right into Mary's house

- **Rejoice Mary!**
 1. You're Highly Favored
 2. God is w/you
 3. You're blessed among women!

29 But when she saw him, **she was troubled at his saying**, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

- **Both Zack/Mary:** Troubled by Angel Gabriel
 1. **Zack:** Troubled at his appearance
 2. **Mary:** Troubled by his words...

Why would an angel say these things of me!

- **As cousin Elizabeth...**Mary would also know the OT
- **Husband Josephs** great grandfather David **1000 years earlier...**

Psalm 8:4 [David] What is man that You are **mindful of him...** the son of man that You visit him?

Psalm 144:3 [David] Lord, **what is man**, that You take knowledge of him?...

- **Considered Greeting**
 1. **Why** would I be Highly Favored?
 2. **Why** is the Lord with me?
 3. **Why** am I blessed among women?

Humility is not thinking less of yourself...**but thinking of yourself less**

Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call 'humble' ... [A humble man] will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took **a real interest in what you said to him**. If you do dislike him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. **He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all**. If anyone would like to acquire humility... The first step is to realize that [you are] proud...[and] nothing whatever can be done before it. **If you think you are not conceited**, it means you are very conceited indeed. [C.S. Lewis]

Mary is Highly Favored by God is because she highly favors God and others above herself. IOWs the mother of Jesus already had the mind of Jesus before He was born. [NJC]

Philippians 2:3 ... in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

30 Then 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 bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

- **Virgin birth:** Prophesied 700 years earlier...

Isaiah 7:14 ...the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a **Son...**

- **First prophesied in Genesis**

Genesis 3:15 [God to Satan] I will put enmity... your seed and her Seed

- **Supernatural Birth:** Women don't have seed. Seed will be of Holy Spirit
- **Satan Triggered:** Kill/pollute line of/Seed Himself, e.g., Nephilim, Pharaoh, Herod

This prophecy...gives the first hint of the virgin birth, declaring the Messiah, the Deliverer... would be the **Seed of the Woman, but not of the man**. [Guzik]

You have found Grace 2x. You will conceive without a man
You will name your boy Jesus...

32 He will be great, and will be called the **Son of the Highest**; 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 of His kingdom there will be no end."

- **Son of the God** Only begotten Son of God. Conceived by Holy Spirit
- **King of Israel** Rightfully taking His place on the Throne of David

2 Samuel 7:12 [God's promise to David after he dies] ... I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever

Your Son will rule over all creation forever...

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

I believe you

What exactly are the logistics/step by step instructions...since I'm a virgin?

Mary asks basically the same question Zacharias asked [1:18], but his question was asked in skeptical unbelief, her question was asked in **wonder-filled faith**. [Guzik]

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will **overshadow you**; therefore, also, that **Holy One** who is to be born will be called the **Son of God**."

- **Holy Spirit** **Come upon you** God Himself will visit you
- **Power of God** **Overshadow you** Covered by His Shekinah Glory

We are called sons of God because we are adopted by God

Jesus the man is called the Son of God because God is literally His Father

NOTE: Jesus did not suddenly "become" the Son of God but "called the Son of God" He has always been the **Son of God** but now manifested in the flesh. After His incarnation He can now also be called the **Son of man**. [NJC]

36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For **with God nothing will be impossible.**"

Boost the faith you already have...check out your elderly cousin Liz

With God nothing will be impossible...

38 Then Mary said, "**Behold the maidservant of the Lord!** Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Repeated Words of God's Faithful Servants: Here I Am. Do as you will

All this took more trust in the Lord than we might think. Mary agrees to receive a pregnancy that will be seen as suspicious, and this in a culture that had a death penalty for adultery. Mary identified herself with sinners so that the purpose of God would be fulfilled. [Guzik]

SUMMARY Christ's Birth Proclaimed to Mary: The Son of God/God the Son

1 Timothy 3:16 ... great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifested in the flesh...**

IV. Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of **Judah**, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

Mary heads south to Judah to visit Elizabeth 6 months pregnant w/John the Baptist

John is already filled with the Holy Spirit of God

Luke 1:5 For [John] will be...filled with the Holy Spirit, **even from his mother's womb.**

John can't wait to meet Jesus

41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the **babe leaped in her womb**; and **Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit**.42 Then [Elizabeth] spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the **mother of my Lord** should come to me?"

John Jumps/Elizabeth filled w/Holy Spirit now prophecies

You are the mother of My Lord. My son's purpose is to prepare the way for Him

44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the **babe leaped in my womb** for joy. 45 **Blessed is she who believed**, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

Angel's words confirmed by Holy Spirit in Liz
Mary pleased God...by believing God

Hebrews 11:6 ...without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a **rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

Obedience to God's Word is evidence we believe God's Word

- **Mary pleased God** By believing God/Obeying God **no matter what**
- **God shows favor** To those who believe/Obey His Word...

Do not be afraid Mary... for you have found favor with God

SUMMARY Mary Visits Elizabeth

V. Mary's Song of Humility

- **Magnificat:** Latin for first few words

46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord...47 And my spirit has rejoiced in **God my Savior.**

- **Soul Magnifies** Awe of the Lord. Making Him preeminent everyone/thing
- **Spirit Rejoices** God my Savior. Reuniting my spirit with God

Mary rejoiced in God her Savior. Her Son

48 For He has **regarded the lowly** state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.

Psalm 138:6 Though the Lord is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar.

- **God Regards the humble:** Lit. to turn the eyes upon, to look upon, gaze upon
- **God Puts down the proud...**

51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has **scattered the proud** in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has **put down the mighty** from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty.

James 4:6 God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

- **Mary knew all this was not just for her...**

54 [God] has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

All Nations will be blessed by my Boy. The Promised Messiah. Eternal King

56 And Mary remained with [Elizabeth] about three months, and returned to her house.

- **Mary:** Three months pregnant w/ Jesus
- **Elizabeth:** Nine months pregnant w/John.

John is 6 months older than Jesus? Kind of...

- John would acknowledge the **eternality of Jesus**...his cousin

John 1:15 [J the B of Jesus] "This was He of whom I said, 'He who **comes after me** is preferred before me, **for He was before me.**'"

- **How was Jesus around before John?** Jesus was never not around. Always was

SUMMARY: Mary's Song of Humility. God regards the humble. A humble girl chosen to carry the Son of God/her Savior in her body.

VI. Birth of John the Baptist

57 Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. 58 When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

Luke 1:14 [Fulfilled] ...you will have joy and gladness, and **many will rejoice at his birth.**

- **Zacharias still mute...**

59 So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they **would have** called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. 60 His mother answered and said, "**No; he shall be called John.**" 61 But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." 62 So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. 63 And [Zacharias] asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "**His name is John.**"

So they all marveled. 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God.

- **Zacharias takes no chances:** His name IS John
- **Tongue loosed:** Can't shut him up about what the angel said...
 1. John will be great in the sight of the Lord
 2. Nazirite filled with the Holy Spirit at birth
 3. Turn many in Israel from sin/to God
 4. Prepare way for Messiah in **Spirit/Power of Elijah**

The Last of the OT Prophets walking onto pages of the NT

65 Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "**What kind of child will this be?**" And the hand of the Lord was with him.

SUMMARY Birth of John the Baptist

VII. Zacharias' Faith-Filled Song

67 Now his father Zacharias was **filled with the Holy Spirit**, and **prophesied**, saying: 68 "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, 69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David,

- **Zacharias:** Speaking/Filled w/Holy Spirit/Singing Praises

Shame he had to go through a 9-month period of dumbness before believing God
Zach Sings his now faith-filled praise song...

- **He HAS** visited His people
- **He HAS** redeemed His people
- **He HAS** brought Strength and Might in Jesus

Romans 4:17 [God]... calls those things which do not exist as though they did

- Zacharias continues prophesying...

70 As [God] spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, Who have been since the world began, 71 That we should be saved from our enemies And from the hand of all who hate us...

- **Prophets from time world began...**
 1. Abel, Moses, Joshua, David, Isaiah, Malachi, etc....
 2. 400 Years of silence **until John's birth...**

**Prophecies of Jesus from time the world began now culminating
Person of John the Baptist**

- **Saved from enemies:** Not Rome. Sin, Flesh, Devil. Death/Hell

72 [God will] perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, 73 The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: 74 To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

- **Mercy:** Not getting what we deserve Death/Hell
- **Grace:** Getting what we don't deserve Forgiveness/Deliverance/Eternal Life

Godly parents desire children to be better than they are...stronger, more victorious with a greater ability to overcome whatever is around the corner! There is a time when a parent's life must become less important...and it is now **their child's time to prosper.** [NJC]

- **Zach turns his attention** to the child in his arms...

76 "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, 77 To give knowledge of salvation to His people By the remission of their sins, 78 Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the **Dayspring from on high has visited us;** 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

- **John the Baptist**
 1. **Prophet** of the Most High going before the face of the Lord
 2. **Preaching** God's Law/offering God's Salvation to those who repent!
 3. **Piercing** the darkness w/Word of God. God pleaser
- **Ushering in the Dayspring from on High:** Jesus the Tender Mercy of God
 1. Give light to those in darkness. Life to those dead in sin
 2. Hope to those in Fear
 3. Direction to those scattered

Dayspring from on High ...Guide us into the way of peace

[Jesus our Dayspring] Our night is ended once for all when we behold God visiting us in Christ Jesus. Our day may cloud over, but night will not return. O, you that are in the blackest midnight, if you can but get a view of Christ, morning will have come to you! **There is no light for you elsewhere,** believe us in this; but if Jesus be seen by faith, you shall need no candles of human confidence, nor sparks of feelings and impressions: **the beholding of Christ shall be the ending of all night for you.** [Spurgeon]

- **Zacharias concludes his song:** Lead us to peace. Begins w/repentance

80 So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts [where God would train him] till the **day of his manifestation** to Israel.

SUMMARY Zacharias' Faith-Filled Song: Faith-filled words regarding his son John and Jesus our Dayspring.