

Mary's Son (Luke 1:26-38)

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Luke 1:26–38 (AV/KJV)

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read the "Announcement" again...Luke 1:26-38. What are some things that stand out to you? That you haven't thought of before or simply have weight for you?

2. Why do you think Mary was afraid at the angel's greeting? Who is Gabriel?

3. Why is Mary confused about how this might happen? Does she not think this child could come from Joseph? Does she think the angel is announcing her pregnancy must happen before the betrothal is complete? What is her lineage? Joseph's lineage?

4. Do you have doubts about God? Who He is? What He does? If HE is good or not? What He allows or has power over? If you could ask God a few questions that could heal your heart, or bring more clarity to your faith, what would they be?

5. Mary has some answers but is left with way more? Why her? How? When? etc. And yet she submits. She allows the breaking of God into her life in a way that will bless her and hurt her more than she could have ever guessed.

So....what will it take for you to submit to God fully? Have you given Him your life to be used? If not, why not?

6. Prayer and praise