



Luke 1:26-36, In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 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!" ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" ³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So

the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.

I. Because the wait for Messiah's arrival was SO LONG, it was easy for God's people to start to think that it was impossible. [ISA 9:1-7](#), [Micah 5:1-4](#); [Genesis 3:15](#),

Isaiah 9:1-7, Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever... ² The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.³ You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder. ⁴ For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders...⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

****But hundreds of years had passed.....***

Micah 5:2-4, *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.*

³ *The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land.* ⁴ *And he will stand to lead his flock with the LORD's strength, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world.*

Genesis 3:15, *And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."*

1. Show Scene from Oh Holy Night: Mary and Joseph on the Road to Bethlehem.

II. The coming of the Messiah should not have been thought of as an impossibility, because of all things God had ALREADY proven possible.

III. Because the second coming of Jesus has been a long time coming, it's easy for us to start to think of it as impossible. **Luke 21:25-28, 1 THESS 4:16-17, John 14:1-3**

Luke 21:25-28, *And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides.* ²⁶ *People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.* ²⁷ *Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory.* ²⁸ *So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, *For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.* ¹⁷ *Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.*

John 14:1-3, Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? ³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

- iv. The second coming of Jesus should NOT be thought of as impossible, because all the things God has already proven are possible!**

Apply God's Truth...

- 1. Are you facing a seemingly impossible situation today?**
- 2. How big is your God?**
- 3. Do you truly KNOW Him?**
- 4. Are you living in anticipation of His soon return?**