



TEXT SUMMARY

Our Advent sermons all come from the first chapter of Luke's gospel. Our first text, [Luke 1:26-31, 34-35](#), tells us the story of the announcement to Mary, a young teen virgin betrothed to Joseph, that she will give birth to the Christ-child.

You can see an excellent introduction to this text in this [video from Walking the Text](#).

INTRODUCTION (OBSERVATION):

1. Our text opens with the word "in the sixth month." Sixth month of what? (see context)
2. Angels are rarely named in biblical narrative.
 - What is this angel's name?
 - Where else have we seen this angel appear? What other important events has this angel been involved in? (see Daniel 8, 9, and earlier in Luke 1)
3. What does the angel call Mary?
4. What is Mary's initial reaction? Why does she react in this way?
5. The angel's reaction to Mary's confusion is the most-often repeated command in all Scripture. What is it?
6. Why is the angel's announcement to Mary so alarming? What does the Law of Moses stipulate as the punishment for adulterers? (See Deut 22)
7. What special title will be given to Mary's son? (We see that title appearing twice, in two different forms, in verses 32 and 35).

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