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greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign

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**over the house of Jacob forever, and of
his kingdom there will be no end.”**

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**³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will
this be, since I am a virgin?”**

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³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

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Luke 1:35-38

**³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.”
³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.**

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“ From all indicators, her life would not be extraordinary. She would marry humbly, give birth to numerous poor children, never travel farther than a few miles from home, and one day die like thousands of others before her - a nobody in a nothing town in the middle of nowhere.”

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¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

**⁴But when the fullness of time had come,
God sent forth his Son, born of woman,
born under the law,**

Galatians 4:4

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“This is a natural human response.”

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1. Mary was shaken.

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2. Mary asked questions of God.

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³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

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3. Mary was powerless.

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“Natural processes could not have brought the Son of God...It is beyond the capacity of human parents to produce a child who is God. Humankind cannot bring forth a Jesus, any more than it can bring forth true and lasting peace. Only God can do it.

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Only God will do it. Mary was just as helpless as Joseph to make this happen. The human impossibility is overcome by the irresistible power of God.”

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