



-- Christmas 2025 --

## ***The Christmas Story and Mary's humility before God!***

*December 21, 2025*

Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

<sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

<sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup>He 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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And 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.

<sup>36</sup>And 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.

<sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup>And 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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*James 4:10*

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*

*1 Samuel 16:7*

*<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."*

*"Humility recognizes Christ is Lord.  
Pride sees myself in charge!"*

Humble – bring low, Exalted – lift high

### ***God is present and working!***

Luke 1:26

### ***Christ is exalted!***

Luke 1:27-37

### ***How will this be?***

Luke 1:35-36

### ***Mary is humble!***

*And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (1:38)*

---- Revelation Demands Response ----

### ***In humility, Mary believed the Lord and readily embraced His plan!***

*And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (1:38)*

#### **1. Humility recognizes Christ is Lord!**

*I am the **servant** of the Lord (1:38)*

#### **2. Humility believes whatever the Lord says.**

*And blessed is she who **believed** that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." (1:45)*

#### **3. Humility fully follows the Lord's plan! (don't argue or negotiate)**

*And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (1:38)*

#### **4. God exalts the humble, in His eyes (the world does not).**

*For behold, **from now on all generations will call me blessed**; (1:48)*  
Also see James 4:10; Matthew 18:4; 23:11-12; 1 Peter 5:6-7

*Application questions on the back →*

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December 14, 2025

**SUNDAY after church...**

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give! 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

**MONDAY**

**READ** Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTED:** Read Romans 12:1 carefully. We have seen in this series that humility recognizes Christ as Lord. Write out why you'd say that this works in Romans 1:21, and why it is foundational to your walk with the Lord. **PRAY:** Pray over your observations and applications.

**TUESDAY**

**READ** Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read Luke 1:5-25 and a similar story, except about the Lord visiting Zachariah. He asks a question in 1:18, but in 1:20 we see his question arose out of unbelief. Write out how unbelief short-circuits your walk with the Lord. How does it work in your life? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

**WEDNESDAY**

**READ** Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Think about how this angel's announcement from the Lord was going to alter Mary's life. Write out how we can either argue or negotiate what the Lord calls us to do. How does points 1 and 2 (above) help to simply fully follow His plan? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

**THURSDAY and FRIDAY**

**READ** Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read James 4:10 and then 1 Samuel 16:7 on front. How did God exalt Mary in her humility? See Luke 1:48. How does 1 Samuel 16:7 help you understand this? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

**SATURDAY**

**Prepare** your heart for Sunday's gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.