



REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST

A Study of the Gospel of Luke

MARY, MARY, QUITE EXTRAORDINARY Luke 1:26-56

INTRODUCTION: When was the last time you heard a sermon on the subject of Mary, the mother of Jesus? In Protestant churches, we often ignore talking about this teenaged girl who is an extraordinary example of faith.

1 Timothy 2:5 “For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

Matthew 13:55-56 “⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”

Mark 6:3a “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?”

I. Gabriel’s Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38)

A. The Setting (Luke 1:26-27)

Luke 1:26 “Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth,”

Luke 1:27 “to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.”

Three Steps of Marriage in the Middle East

1. **Selection**
2. **Betrothal**
3. **Marriage**

B. Gabriel's Announcement (Luke 1:28-33)

Gabriel's Pre-birth Description of Jesus (Luke 1:32-33)

1. "He will be **great**." (Luke 1:32)
2. "He will be the **Son** of the Most High." (Luke 1:32)
3. "He will have the throne of **David**." (Luke 1:32)
4. "He will rule over the house of **Jacob** forever." (Luke 1:33)
5. "His kingdom will have no **end**." (Luke 1:33)

Luke 1:32-33 "32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end."

C. Mary's Response (Luke 1:34-48)

Luke 1:34 "And Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'"

Luke 1:35 "And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.'"

Four Reasons for the Virgin Birth

1. It protects Christ's **deity**.
2. It preserves Christ's **humanity**.
3. It solves the problem of Jeconiah's **curse**.

Jeremiah 22:24 "'As I live,' declares the LORD, 'even though Coniah [Jeconiah] the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off;'"

Jeremiah 22:30 "Thus says the LORD, 'Write this man down childless, a man who will not prosper in his days; for no man of his descendants will prosper sitting on the throne of David or ruling again in Judah.'"

4. It fulfills **prophecy**.

Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.”

Luke 1:36 “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.”

Luke 1:38 “And Mary said, ‘Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word.’ And the angel departed from her.”

II. Joseph’s Hesitation (Matthew 1:18-25)

Matthew 1:19 “And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly.”

Matthew 1:20-25 “²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.’ ²² Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, ²³ ‘BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,’ which translated means, ‘GOD WITH US.’ ²⁴ And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife, ²⁵ and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.”

III. Elizabeth’s and Mary’s Adoration (Luke 1:39-56)

A. Elizabeth’s Praise for Mary (Luke 1:39-45)

Luke 1:39-41 “³⁹ Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 1:42-43 “⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said, ‘Blessed among women are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’”

Luke 1:45 “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.”

B. Mary’s Praise for God (Luke 1:46-56)

Luke 1:46-49 “⁴⁶ And Mary said: ‘My soul exalts the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. ⁴⁹ For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name.’”

IV. Timeless Truths In Mary’s Life

A. God Uses Those Who Are **Pure**

2 Timothy 2:20-21 “²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. ²¹ Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

B. God Uses Those Who Believe His **Word**

C. God Uses Those Who Are Willing to **Sacrifice** That Which Is Most Important to Them

Conclusion