

WHAT IS A MARY MIRACLE? OUTLINE

LUKE 1:26-38

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²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most-High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail.”

³⁸“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

INTRODUCTION: Last week and this week we have been talking about miracles. This week we approach the same subject by asking a slightly different question. What is a Mary miracle?

- Radical
- Troubling
- Only God
- Personal yet Corporate
- I. The Life of Mary
- II. Lessons from the life of Mary
 - a. Being scared and afraid goes with the turf
 - b. Using Mary means God can use anybody, and He does
 - c. God can literally change the world when someone is available
 - d. Mary entered the “Faith Zone”

CONCLUSION: Why Mary and not some other person? Can God work a miracle through you?

- Mary was broken before God
- Mary had an uncommon communion with God
- Mary’s identity was as a Servant
- Mary was radically, immediately obedient