

Mary The Maidservant Who Believed

Luke 1:26-27

Introduction

Luke's gospel begins with the angel Gabriel's encounter with a priest named Zacharias, who told him that he would be the father of John the Baptist. Zacharias was hesitant about embracing Gabriel's announcement and was silenced by the angel until his son, John the Baptist, was born.

1. In Luke 1:26, the angel Gabriel is sent to _____ in Nazareth to announce the birth of Jesus.
2. In the sixth month of Zacharias' wife, Elizabeth's pregnancy, _____ came to a village in Galilee.
3. _____ is perhaps most remarkable for its unremarkable nature; it was not mentioned in the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, or the writings of Josephus.
4. Jesus would forever be identified with this place, repeatedly called *Jesus of Nazareth*. His followers were also called _____.
5. When a couple was betrothed, they were obligated to remain _____ to each other.
6. The name 'Mary' is the Greek form of the Hebrew name _____. It means "exalted one."
7. Gabriel highlights three things to Mary. She is highly favored, The Lord is with her, and She . is _____.
8. Then Gabriel announces the birth of the _____.

I. The Message

9. Gabriel's focus was not on Mary but on the Son, to be named _____.

- 10. Jesus would be the son of Mary, but He would also be, and be known as, the Son of _____.
- 11. He would have the rightful authority to rule over Israel and of His _____; there will be no end.

II. The Miracle

- 12. Gabriel says that the power of the _____, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, would overshadow Mary.
- 13. The word overshadow means "to cover with a cloud," as in the cloud of the _____.
- 14. The _____ was a visible manifestation of the glory and presence of God.
- 15. The same power of God that was with Moses and Israel in the Old Testament was now going to do a unique work in the life of _____.
- 16. Technically speaking, the angel predicted a _____ by a virgin, not a virgin birth.
- 17. Mary (and all other Jewish people from her culture) knew what Gabriels words meant; this child, named Jesus, would be equal to _____.
- 18. Jesus did not *become* the Son of God; He has existed as God from all _____.
- 19. No word of God shall be _____. God will absolutely perform what He has said.
- 20. Mary first responds by _____ with what Gabriel said about her.
- 21. Mary then responded with an affirmation of _____. "Let it be to me according to Your word."

- 22. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspicious in a culture with a potential _____ penalty for adultery.
- 23. The cloud of God's glory _____ Mary and Jesus was miraculously conceived in Mary's womb.
- 24. Jesus' birth from this miraculous conception is what we call the _____.
- 25. There is no question about Jesus and His Virgin Birth, there can only be questions about the authority of _____.
- 26. Whenever you put your complete trust in God, He puts a _____ in your heart.

III. The Music

- 27. In verse 39, Mary makes a visit to _____.
- 28. When Mary arrived, the baby _____ in Elizabeth's womb.
- 29. Elizabeth's unborn child was _____ the Baptist, who leaped with joy.
- 30. Even in the womb, John the Baptist had a _____ awareness and responded to the work of the Holy Spirit.
- 31. In the temple, Gabriel told Zacharias that their son would prepare the people for the _____ of the Lord.
- 32. This song is often called the _____.
- 33. The Scriptures radiating in her heart burst out through her _____.

Conclusion

34. Mary was greatly gifted, highly favored, and did exactly what a greatly blessed person should do: *Mary* _____ *the Lord*.
35. Mary needed a _____, and she *knew* that she needed a Savior.
36. Our song of _____ should always celebrate God's goodness, faithfulness, and power.

Mary's song shows the futility of trusting in yourself, political power, or your riches. Mary's trust was in God, and when we trust in the Lord with all our heart, it is always rewarded. Mary rejoiced and glorified God, even though the child was not yet born.

A person of faith knows God and trusts in Him with all their heart. A person of faith is blessed and highly favored and knows the Lord is with them. They are not deterred at all from a miracle despite the circumstances. When they hear God's word, they sense God's miracle presence and rejoice with a heart-filled song of praise.

ANSWERS

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| 1. Mary | 16. Conception | 30. Coming |
| 2. Gabriel | 17. God | 31. Magnificat |
| 3. Nazareth | 18. Eternity | 32. Song |
| 4. Nazarines | 19. Powerless | 33. Magnified |
| 5. Faithful | 20. Agreeing | 34. Savior |
| 6. Miriam | 21. Faith | 35. Praise |
| 7. Blessed | 22. Death | |
| 8. Messiah | 23. Overshadow | |
| 9. Jesus | ed | |
| 10. God | 24. Virgin birth | |
| 11. Kingdom | 25. Song | |
| 12. Highest | 26. Elizabeth | |
| 13. Exodus | 27. Leaped | |
| 14. Glory | 28. John | |
| 15. Mary | 29. Spiritual | |