

Christ Reigns: Luke 1:26-37.

1. (26-27) Gabriel is sent to Mary in **Nazareth**.

Gabriel's work was not finished with the announcement to Zacharias in the temple. In the **sixth month** of Elizabeth's pregnancy, he came to a village in Galilee to Mary, who was **betrothed** to Joseph.

2. (28-29) Gabriel greets Mary.

Gabriel said three things to Mary: She was **highly favored**, the **Lord is with** her and that she was **blessed**. She was surprised to hear such extravagant words said of her.

3. (30-33) Gabriel announces the birth of the Messiah, born to Mary.

The focus was not on Mary, but on **a Son**, to be named **Jesus**.

- **He will be great**: No one has influenced history more than Jesus Christ. "Is it not proven that he is great? Conquerors are great, and he is the greatest of them. Deliverers are great, and he is the greatest of them. Liberators are great, and he is the greatest of them. Saviours are great, and he is the greatest of them." (Spurgeon)
- **He will be called the Son of the Highest**: the Son of God.
- **He will be enthroned**.
- He will reign forever.

4. (34-37) Mary's question and Gabriel's response.

"Mary's question was wonder-filled". With such an amazing promise, Gabriel explained that Elizabeth was pregnant. If God could do that, He could do what He promised for Mary. God will absolutely perform what He has said.

5. (8) Mary's response of faith.

Mary first responded by agreeing with what Gabriel said about her. She was **the maidservant of the Lord**, and it was not her position to debate with her Master, but to accept what He said. "**Let it be to me according to your word.**"

Psalm 47:8 - God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Psalm 93:1 - The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

Isaiah 6:1-4 - In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 9:6-7 - For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Matthew 2:11 - And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Revelation 19:6 - And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"