



Series Divine Intervention

Passage Luke 1:26-38

Title Divine Intervention (Part 2) The Virgin Birth

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- **Discussion Starter:** Why is the Virgin Birth such an important pillar of the Christian faith?

You are Favored by God (Luke 1:26-38)

- The angel Gabriel declares to Mary that she should rejoice because the LORD has found favor with her and she is blessed among women. In your own perception of Scripture, what is the extent of this special favor and blessing given to Mary? How does this compare to God's favor on Christians today? Read Luke 1:46-49, Luke 11:27-28 and Matthew 12:46-50. What do these passages reveal about God's favor upon Mary and the rest of the saints of God?
- Last week as we studied Luke 1:1-25, we saw the reaction that Zechariah had as the angel Gabriel visited him in the temple. This week we see that Mary's reaction to the news is quite different. What lessons and insights do we see as we compare their responses and what made them react to the news so differently?
- Are you facing trials or challenges in your life right now that just seem impossible? What are some practical things we can learn when facing trials or challenges in our lives by reading and meditating on Mary's response to the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:38?

Gabriel's Prophecy of Jesus (Luke 1:31-33)

- The angel Gabriel first mentions to Mary that the child will be named Jesus. This was a common name at the time, but the actual meaning of His name was quite significant. Read Matthew 1:21 and Isaiah 53:1-3. What do these passages reveal about Jesus?
- Then the angel Gabriel explains that the child Jesus would be great and be known as the Son of God, fully human and fully God. Explain in your own words the importance of Jesus, the Son of God, being 100% human and 100% God.
- Jesus the Son of God is also called the Second Adam. Why do you think Jesus is called the Second Adam? Read 1 Corinthians 15:45 and Romans 5:12-21. Compare the impact on history of both the First and Second Adam's as described in these verses.
- The angel Gabriel finishes his prophetic message declaring that Jesus would be the heir to the throne of David and He would rule and reign from Israel and His rule would be for eternity. Read 2 Samuel 7:11-13, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7. What are the similarities between the reign of David and the reign of Christ? How are they different? Why is Jesus referred to as the greater David?