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Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was

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Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel

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said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

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The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel

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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. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old

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age and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

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"We don't need to be ***taught new ideas*** so much as ***be reminded of old truths.***"

C. S. Lewis, Writer

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Luke 1:26,

"God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary."

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Leviticus 12:6-8,

"When the days of her purification for a son or daughter are over, she is to bring to the priest at the entrance to the tent of meetings a year old lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon or dove for a

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sin offering. If she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons; one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for her and she will be clean."

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One distinctive about Mary and Joseph that **"set them apart"**:

- **Deeply spiritual people**
- **Righteous**
- **Walked with God**

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Luke 1:38,
"I am The Lord's servant',
Mary answered, 'May it be
to me as you said.'"

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Matthew 1:24-28,
"When Joseph woke up, he did
what the angel of The Lord had
commanded him and took Mary
home as his wife. But, he had no
union with her until she gave
birth to a son."

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"It's not your **ability**
that **counts** with God,
it's your **availability**."

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Luke 1:27,
"... to a **virgin** pledged
to be married."

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Luke 1:31,
 "... you will be **with child** and give **birth** to a son!"

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Luke 1:34,
 "**How** can this **be**, since I am a **virgin**?"

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Matthew 1:19,
 "Because Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly."

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Isaiah 7:14,
 "Behold, a **virgin** shall **conceive** and bring forth a son."

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Luke 1:3,
 "... therefore, since I, myself, have carefully **investigated everything** from the **beginning**, it seemed good to me **also** to write an **orderly account** ... so that you may **know the certainty** of the **things** you have been **taught**."

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2. The **manner** of **conception** was **unbelievable!**
3. Their **suffering** was **unexpected**.

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Luke 1:46,
 "My soul **praises** The Lord, and my spirit **rejoices** in God my Savior, for He has been **mindful** of the **humble state** of His servant. From now on **all generations** will call me **blessed**, for The Mighty One has done **great things** for me Holy is His Name."

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Luke 2:29-30,
 "I'm now **ready** to die in **peace**, for my **eyes** have **seen** God's salvation."

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Luke 2:34-35,
 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His mother: This Child is **destined** to cause the **rising** and the **falling** of many in Israel, and

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to be a **sign** that will be **spoken against**, so that the **thoughts** of many will be **revealed**. And a **sword** will **pierce** your **own soul**, too."

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"God made the **country**;
 man made the **city**; the
 devil made the **small
 town.**"

J. Vernon McGee, Pastor

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John 8:19,
 "Where is your
Father?"

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John 8:41,
 “**We** are not
illegitimate children!”

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John 19:25,
 “... there stood by
the cross of Jesus,
his mother.”

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Acts 1:14,
 “They ***all joined, together,***
 constantly in ***prayer,*** along
 with the women, ***and Mary,***
 the mother of Jesus, and His
 brothers.”

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“God had ***only one***
son without sin, He
 had ***no son without***
suffering!”

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***“God uses ordinary
 people to do
 extraordinarily
 things!”***

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1 Corinthians 1:26,
 “Brothers, think of ***what you***
were when you were ***called.***
 Not many of you were ***wise*** by
human standards; not many
 were ***influential;*** not many

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were of **noble birth**. But God chose the **foolish things** of the world to **shame** the **wise**; God chose the **weak things** of the world to **shame** the **strong**. He chose the **lowly**

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things of this world and the **despised things** — and the **things** that are **not** — to **nullify** the **things** that **are**, so that **no man** may **boast** before Him."

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2 Reasons "**Ordinary people**" are used:

1st - **God** gets the "**Glory**", not the "**individual**".

2nd - **That's**, usually, "**all**" He has "**available**".

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