
Series: Christmas—It's All in How You Look at It
Believing the Impossible (Mary View's)

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

In the sixth month, 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 be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name 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 the house of Jacob 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 upon 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 barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For 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.

1. MARY WAS YOUNG, BUT SHE BELIEVED GOD COULD DO ALL THINGS.

v. 27 ". . . to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary."

- It is important to know that Mary was a virgin.
- While being pledged to Joseph, she kept herself pure and available to be used by God.

- Even as a young believer, Mary's faith was already mature.

2. MARY WAS CHOSEN TO BE A PART OF GOD'S MISSION ON THIS EARTH.

v. 28 "The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.'"

- The angel proclaimed that Mary was the one.
- The angel declared that God was with Mary.
- The angel predicted five things about Mary's Son. (vv. 32-33)
 1. **He will be great.**
 2. **He will be called the Son of the Most High**
 3. **He will be given the throne of His father David.**
 4. **He will reign over the house of Jacob forever.**
 5. **His kingdom will never end.**

3. MARY HAD ENOUGH COURAGE TO JOIN GOD IN WHAT HE WAS DOING.

- Mary dealt with the surprise of her condition.
- Mary handled the news of God's plan for her.
- Mary did not doubt God's plan, but asked for an explanation. (v. 34)
- Mary's pregnancy demonstrated the power of God.
- Mary's courage was displayed with her obedience. (v. 38)

God's plan for the world was revealed to Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah. Her willingness to be available and obedient to God's mission serves as a model for us today.