
Series: A Christmas Surprise
The Surprising Announcement

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.

**The Birth Of Christ Was A Surprise To Everyone Involved,
But All Along God Had In Mind:**

1. SUCH TREMENDOUS NEWS, HE SENT AN ANGEL TO DELIVER IT.

v. 30 "But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."

- God used an angel to deliver the Good News to the shepherds, and did the same thing for Mary.

- Most of what we are surprised about regarding God's activity was foretold far in advance.
- When God is getting ready to move, He moves us.

2. SUCH A TRIUMPHAL SAVIOR, IT TOOK A MIRACLE TO DELIVER HIM.

v. 34-35 "How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The 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.'"

- The Birth of Christ was a surprise to the world, but God told us it would happen.
- The Birth of Christ was unlike any birth before or after in all history.
- The Birth of Christ was to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth.

3. SUCH TRANSFORMATIONAL LIFE CHANGE, IT TOOK A PERFECT GOD/MAN TO PROCLAIM IT.

v. 31-33 "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

John 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...

- Jesus would be born of a woman to establish his qualifications to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins.
- Jesus would be fully God to in order to have the power to forgive our sins.
- Jesus came so that we could be forever changed.