

“The Annunciation to Mary”

Luke 1:26-38

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I. Introduction

- A. Where in all the literature of the world can you find a story as beautiful and wonderful as the annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, that she was chosen to be the one through whom the Savior of the World would come?
 - 1. G. Campbell Morgan- *“mysteries, magnificent, and majestic.”*
 - a) It is even more delightful because it is true!
 - 2. This prediction is the crown of all prophecy, and it reveals the supreme mystery of the Christian faith—that Jesus is both human and divine.
 - b) As far back as man’s fall in the Garden, the world has been waiting for the fulfillment of the first prophecy that “the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent’s head.”
 - 3. The annunciation to Mary has four movements:

II. Gabriel’s Salutation (Luke 1:26-29)

- A. “And in the sixth month” (Luke 1:26)
- B. The Angel Gabriel was the same angel sent to Zacharias (Luke 1:19)
- C. “To a city of Galilee named Nazareth” (Luke 1:26)
 - 1. A despised place!
 - 2. Also, a despised people
- D. “Mary” was the Greek word for “Miriam” (Luke 1:27)
 - 1. God chooses the foolish things! (Luke 1:48, Luke 1:52, Luke 1:53)
- E. The Greeting (Luke 1:28-29)
 - 1. She was “highly favored” (Luke 1:28)
 - a) It is translated “accepted” (Ephesians 1:6). It is used of all believers, so this portrays Mary as a recipient of grace, not a dispenser of grace
 - 2. “Blessed are thou among women” (Luke 1:28)
 - 3. She was troubled (Luke 1:29)
 - 4. She was meditative (Luke 1:29)

III. Gabriel’s Annunciation (Luke 1:30-34)

- A. Up to this point, Gabriel had said nothing about his mission, but now he tells Mary the good news
- B. Important truths about Jesus in Gabriel’s words:
 - 1. His real humanity (Luke 1:31)

- a) “You will conceive and bring forth a son” (Luke 1:31)
- 2. His mission
 - a) “His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31)
 - b) “For unto you is born this day...” (Luke 2:11)
 - c) “My eyes have seen your salvation” (Luke 2:30)
- 3. His greatness
 - a) “He shall be great” (Luke 1:32)
- 4. His deity
 - a) “Shall be called the Son of the Highest” (Luke 1:32)
 - b) Hebrews 1:3
- 5. His Messiahship (Luke 1:32-33)
 - a) “Mary expressed astonishment, not unbelief” (Luke 1-34)

IV. Gabriel’s Explanation (Luke 1:35-37)

- A. The answer to your question is The Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35)
 - 1. “Overshadow” is the same as “The Shekinah Glory”
- B. “Your child will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:36)
- C. To reassure Mary (Luke 1:36)
 - 1. Mary did not ask for a sign, but she did receive one
- D. “With God, nothing shall be impossible” (Luke 1:37)
 - 1. God’s promises can never fail
 - 2. (Philippians 4:12-13)

V. Mary’s Submission (Luke 1:38)

- A. Charles Erdman- *“The reply of Mary is probably unequalled in all history as an expression of perfect faith; She revealed belief in the Word of God, and submission to the will of God.”*
- B. In spite of the suspicion, shame, and suffering it could bring, she submitted to God’s purpose and plan for her life
 - 1. There is always a price to pay to be used by God and by doing the will of God

VI. Conclusion

- A. We, like Mary:
 - 1. Chosen by the grace of God (Luke 1:30)
 - 2. Believe the Word of God (Luke 1:34)
 - 3. Are touched by the Spirit of God (Luke 1:35)
 - 4. Surrendered to the will of God (Luke 1:38)
 - 5. Indwelt by the Son of God (Luke 1:38)

B. Surrender to God's purpose and plan for your life. It's the secret to a blessed and beautiful life!