

“The Miracle Mother”

Luke 1:26-29

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I. Introduction

- A. I want to look with you today at a mother who was truly unique
 - 1. She was a mother even though she was a virgin
 - 2. She was a human, yet her child was and is divine
 - 3. She was poor, yet her child was the maker of heaven and earth
 - 4. Her name was Mary or Miriam
 - a) She was the mother of Jesus
 - b) She was the best-known mother in all of history
 - 1) (Luke 1:28)
 - 5. Two dangers to avoid when thinking about Mary
 - 6. Why was Mary so blessed? Why was she the miracle mother?
 - 7. Four reasons she symbolizes all that is good and pure and beautiful in motherhood

II. Her Selection (Luke 1:26-29)

- A. The divine messenger (v. 26)
 - 1. He came from Heaven
- B. The divine choice (v. 27)
 - 1. A virgin
 - a) Note its importance
 - 2. Espoused
 - 3. House of David
- C. The divine blessing (vv. 28-29)
 - 1. She was highly favored
 - a) “Graced” (v. 28)
 - 2. She had the Lord with her (v.28)
 - 3. She was blessed among women (v. 28)
 - 4. She was troubled (v. 29)
- D. God’s amazing grace
 - 1. You are also a chosen mother by God
 - a) (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - b) Illustration- Hannah, Samuel, Moses

III. Her Son (Luke 1:30-33)

- A. Up to this point, Gabriel has said nothing about his mission
 - 1. But now, “Mary you’re going to have a baby” (v. 31)
 - 2. It will be a son
 - a) His real humanity
 - b) (John 1:14)
 - 3. His name will be Jesus
 - a) His mission

- b) (Luke 2)
- 4. Three important truths about Mary's son, Jesus
 - a) His greatness
 - 1) "He shall be great" (v. 32)
 - 2) Illustration- His words, works, and His person
 - b) His deity
 - 1) "Shall be called the Son of the Highest" (v. 32)
 - 2) The Son of God
 - c) His messiahship (vv. 32b-33)
 - 1) Mary became the mother of the Messiah

IV. Her Submission (Luke 1:34-38)

- A. Reliance on the power of God
 - 1. "The reply of Mary is probably unequaled in all history as an expression of perfect faith; She revealed belief in the Word of God, and submission to the will of God" – Charles Erdman
 - 2. She submitted despite the suspicion, shame, and suffering it would bring
 - 3. She submitted to God's purpose and plan for her life
 - 4. Will you believe God's promises and submit to God's providences?
 - a) Willingly
 - b) Humbly
 - c) Obediently
 - d) All for God's glory

V. Her Sorrow (Luke 2:34-35)

- A. Jesus was eight days old
 - 1. Simeon- "a sword"
- B. It's the cross
 - 1. Mary was there
 - 2. Illustration- Story of Jesus' words to John
 - 3. (Genesis 3:15)

VI. Conclusion

- A. Like Mary, we:
 - 1. Chosen by the grace of God
 - a) Salvation
 - 2. Must believe the Word of God
 - a) The Bible
 - 3. Can be touched by the Spirit of God
 - a) Filled with the Holy Spirit
 - 4. Surrender to the will of God
 - a) God's will
 - 5. Be indwelt by the Son of God
 - a) Jesus
- B. Even Mary had to put her faith in Christ

1. (Luke 1:46-47)