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“...the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary.

Luke 1:26,27

I. God’s Idea (vs. 26-33)

- A. This is all part of God’s plan (Sovereignty) (vs. 26 - 29)
 - 1. The Kiaros (God’s time) had come
 - 2. The Angel (God’s messenger) had come
 - 3. The place (God’s chosen location) had come
 - 4. The people (God’s vessel) had been chosen
 - 5. The prophecy (God’s promise) had to be fulfilled (Matt. 1:22,23)
- B. The “favor” of God = charis = grace/abundant gift (vs. 30)
- C. The Savior from God (vs. 32,33)
 - 1. “Great”
 - 2. “Son of the most high”
 - 3. “He will reign forever”

II. God’s Initiative

- A. The question - How can I do this?
- B. The way - Miraculously!
 - 1. The Holy Spirit will come upon you and overshadow you
 - 2. Conceive in your womb
 - 3. Bear a son
- C. The reason - he will be called - “holy - the Son of God”
- D. The proof - Elizabeth pregnant even though she was barren
- E. The promise - “nothing will be impossible with God” (vs. 37)

III. Mary and Joseph’s Invitation (vs. 38; Matt. 1:24,25)

- A. Mary - “I am the servant of the Lord” - “let it be to me” (vs. 38)
- B. Joseph - “he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him”

IV. Mary and Joseph’s Initiative (Luke 2:4 - 5)

- A. Went “up” from Galilee (south) to Judea (region) to “the city of David” = Bethlehem
- B. The 90 mile adventure from Nazareth to Bethlehem