

Luke 1:26-38: The Miracle Of Christmas.

1. (26-27) Gabriel is sent to Mary in **Nazareth**.

Mary is said to be **betrothed** to Joseph; their parents had consented to the marriage, they had made marriage promises to each other, the wedding was to happen at anytime; they were as good as married, but not leaving together and probably not even allowed to see each other.

The conception of John the Baptist, the forerunner, was miraculous, so was the conception of the Messiah. Nothing is too hard for the LORD.

2. (28-33) Gabriel's announcement to Mary.

Gabriel has three things to say to Mary. First, that she is **highly favoured**, that **the Lord is with her** and that she is **blessed**. Christmas is God's favour on us, His presence with us and blessing upon us.

Job 10:12 - *You have granted me life and favor, and Your care has preserved my spirit.*

Isaiah 7:14 - *“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

Psalms 34:8 - *Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

3. (34-37) Mary's question and Gabriel's response.

Mary's question is logical, how is this going to happen? Gabriel also brings evidence-Elizabeth is pregnant at an advanced age. If God can do that, He can do what He promised for Mary.

Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

The point is clear. More literally, one could translate this *for no word of God shall be powerless*. God will absolutely perform what He has said.

4. (38) Mary's response of faith.

Mary then responds with an affirmation of faith. **Let it be to me according to Your word** is the proper response of every believer.

Matthew 17:20 - *So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

Matthew 19:26 - *But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

Jeremiah 32:27 - *"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"*

Genesis 18:14 - *"Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."*