

## Luke 1:26-56

### The Gospels: My Soul Glorifies the Lord

#### Main Point of Luke 1:26-56

**Mary is the God Bearer. She responds with faith, humility, and gratitude to the decrees of God. Mary is a model teacher for believers.**

#### The Angel Gabriel: Hail Mary, Full of Grace! (vv 26-38)

1. Mary is Chosen by Unmerited, Sovereign Grace
  - a. Greetings... More than a mere Hello...  
“Hail!” This is a Royal Greeting such as “Hail Caesar!” *Ave* in Latin (**See KJV**)
  - b. Why not someone else?
  - c. There was Nothing in Mary for which God to choose... she was a sinner like you and me
  - d. Favor on Mary is the consequence of the Lord being with her
  - e. Terror – Angels are terrifying, always convincing those who see them not to be afraid
2. The Name of the Child will Be *Yahweh Saves*
  - a. The Old Testament Promises Fulfilled
    - i. The Serpents Head would be Crushed
    - ii. The Families of the Earth Blessed
    - iii. The Kingly Line Established Forever
  - b. Fully Divine – Great, Son of the Highest
  - c. Wholly Human – of the Seed of David
    - i. Heresy: Docetism – Jesus only appeared to be fully human
    - ii. Jesus has Mary’s DNA; Kingly Line
  - d. The Nicene Creed (325 A.D.)
3. Mary’s Question: How?
  - a. Faith Asks Sincere Questions
    - i. Abraham – Look at the Stars
  - b. Conceived by the Holy Spirit
    - i. There at Beginning of Creation
    - ii. There at Beginning of New Creation
  - c. Not a Contract to Follow – Promise of Grace
  - d. Elizabeth was the Sign for Mary

4. Mary’s Response was Submissive Faith
  - a. Not, “ABOUT TIME! You noticed me.”
  - b. Not, I Worked Hard and Got what I deserved
  - c. It was – “Not my will, but Thine be done!”
5. Joseph was the Obscure Backwoods Carpenter
  - a. Imagine Mary telling him about her pregnancy
  - b. Joseph & Mary: More Noble than Caesar

#### Barren Elizabeth: The Sign for Mary (vv 39-45)

1. The Sign: Elizabeth is Six Months Pregnant with John
2. Same Verbiage as Gabriel: A Royal Welcome
3. Blessed: Powerful words to a Jew (Equal to *Shalom*)
  - a. The Source of the Blessing: The Fruit of Mary’s Womb – Jesus
  - b. Mary Bore God in Her Womb
    - i. *Theotokos* – Mother of God
    - ii. She Bore Jesus, Who is God! (**Jn 1**)
4. God’s Favor: Same word used in **Ephesians 1:6**
  - a. We are favored by the Lord BECAUSE He is with us... God the Spirit INDWELLS us!
  - b. Not because we did something righteous; Not because there was something in us to save

#### Teenage Mary: Her Song! (The Magnificat) (vv 46-56)

1. Mary Knew Her Bible (47-55 – allusions to Gen 12; Psalms 22, 98, 103, 147; 1 Sam 2; 2 Sam 22; Job 12)
2. Mary Expressed Humility (48, 51-52)
3. Mary Communicated Gratitude (46-49)
  - a. In Spite of the Danger – what does the Law say about those who commit adultery?
  - b. Packs up and Lives with Cousin for 3 Months
  - c. Satan has attempted to stop the Seed of the Woman from being born for centuries
  - d. Being Mother to Jesus would have burdensome – Jesus was Born to Die
4. Mary Understood this was about ALL God’s people (50, 54-55) – not just her
5. Mary’s Song Points to God’s Promises (54-55)
6. Mary’s Song Points to the Gospel (46-56)