

MARY, The Mother of Messiah

Luke 1:26-38

Intro. **A.** At this time we are privileged to witness the manner in which God would redeem His wrecked and ruined creation.

1. He would send His Son, made after a woman, fashioned as a man.
2. He would be the second Adam.

Vs. 17 **B.** The world must be "made ready".

1. John would be His announcer.
2. Elizabeth and Zacharias would be his parents.

I. The Announcement of God To Mary.

A. The time, place, and person.

- Vs. 26a 1. The sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy.
- Vs. 26b 2. She was at Nazareth, in Galilee.
- Vs. 27 3. To Mary, the espoused of Joseph.

B. The character and circumstances of Mary.

- Vs. 27 1. "To a virgin" = παρθένος = a virgin, one who has never known a man.
2. The fulfillment. Isa. 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel".
3. The first Adam sinned and death and sin passed upon all men. The second Adam must be without this inherited nature. Therefore, God must be His Father.
4. "espoused" = μνηστεύω = to ask in marriage.
5. There were three stages to a Jewish wedding, engagement, could be children, espoused, lasting one year, could be stoned during this time, marriage.

Vs. 32. 3. "... and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David". This is most welcome news.

The problem is, the angel does not give a time frame. (2)

Vs. 33 4. "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end".

III. Mary's Question And The Angel's Answer.

A. Then said Mary unto the angel,

Vs. 34 1. How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

2. Mary had never had sex with any man.

3. Would Mary have lied to an angel?

Would she have found favor with God as an adulteress?

Would Joseph not have had her stoned to death?

B. The answer to this question.

Vs. 35a 1. "And the angel answered and said unto her..."

2. "...the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee..."

"... the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee."

"power" = δύναμις = natural capability, inherent power.

"overshadow" = ἐπισκιάω = "to cast a shadow upon"

3. She would be enveloped in the Holy Spirit.

4. If you would ask, How? Accept the answer of the angel. Do not wallow in unbelief.

C. The result of this power and overshadowing.

Vs. 35b. 1. "... therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

2. He shall be called Holy, The Son of God.

IV. There Are Two Things That Should Give Mary Belief And Courage.

Vs. 36 A. Her pregnant cousin, an encouragement.

1. This was a supernatural event.