



GOD WITH US

Significance in the Insignificant



Uniquely Luke

- Only Gentile author in the New Testament
- Announcement of conception of John the Baptist
- **Announcement of conception of Jesus**
- The circumcision of Jesus
- When Jesus perspired blood as he prayed
- Jesus reattaching the servants severed ear
- Most of Luke 9:51-19:27 – details not recorded in the other gospels

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to **Nazareth**, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to **a virgin pledged to be married** to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

LUKE 1:26-31

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

34 “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. **37** For nothing is impossible with God.

38 “**I am the Lord’s servant,**” Mary answered. “**May your word to me be fulfilled.**” Then the angel left her.

LUKE 1:35-38

Significance vs. Insignificance

- **LOCATION: Jerusalem vs. Nazareth**
- **POSITION: Priest vs. Peasant**
- **QUESTIONS: Doubt vs. Trust**
- **RESPONSES: Praise for the promise keeper**

⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!

Mary's Song

⁴⁶ My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. ⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.

LUKE 1:45-55

Our view vs. God's view

- **Our Location – doesn't change God's plan**
- **Our Position – doesn't impact God's plan**
- **Our Questions – don't deter God's promises**
- **Our Responses – reveal our heart condition**

Questions to Consider

1. Am I willing to surrender my perspective of my location to God's plan?
2. Am I willing to be available to God, in my current position?
3. What faith-building question am I willing to trust God for?
4. What song of praise can I write in this season of my life?