

Mary of Nazareth
Luke 1:26-28 (12/20/09 AM)

1. The Introduction of Mary (26-27)

A Jewish Maiden Living in Israel

- **Her village was of no _____**
Nazareth had no reputation for religion or learning.

- **Her person was of God's _____**
Mary was to be a part of the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, and Micah 5:3.
Mary Was a Young Jewish Girl Who _____ God

2. The Description of Mary (27)

Simple and Concise

The authentic history of Mary is found only in scripture.

- **Mary was a _____**
This is absolutely essential to the incarnation of Jesus. If Jesus Christ was not virgin born He cannot be the Son of God. The Roman Catholic Church teaches the perpetuity of Mary's virginity. The Gospels clearly reveal that Joseph and Mary had other children, Mark 16:3.

- **Mary was engaged to a _____ of David**
The betrothal was a legal contract binding the couple which required a bill of divorcement to break. According to the law any unfaithfulness during this period was punishable by death though this was not being practiced at this time.

Joseph Was Also Essential to the _____ of God's Plan

3. The Announcement to Mary (28-33)

A Divine Messenger

There had been no recorded angelic visitation for over 500 years until Gabriel appeared to Zacharias in the temple about six months earlier. There had been no prophetic word for over 400 years.

- **Mary was favored because she was _____**
The words of this greeting do not mean "full of grace". The Roman Catholic Church teaches the Immaculate Conception of Mary. They believe that she did not have a sin nature. We have seen in John's Gospel that Jesus is "full of grace" not Mary. Mary was a godly young maiden but she was a sinner saved by God's grace. Mary understood this as is seen in her "magnificent", Luke 1:46-50.

Mary Received Grace She Does Not _____ Grace

- **Mary was the human _____ to bring God's Son into the world**
The emphasis here is clearly on Jesus not Mary. Mary is the Jewish woman that God chose to be the mother of Jesus' human nature. She is not the mother of God. As we have seen in John's Gospel Jesus is the pre-existing Son of God. Mary is called in scripture "Jesus' mother", John 2:1 and "the mother of Jesus", Acts 1:14.

This Is the Only _____ Given to Mary of Nazareth in the Word of God

4. The Explanation to Mary (34-37)

Her Question for Our Benefit Also

- **The miracle will be the _____ work of the Holy Spirit**

The word “overshadow” carries the idea of the powerful presence of God. It is used in all three accounts of the transfiguration of Jesus.

The very presence of God in the person of the Holy Spirit came upon Mary. In creation “the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters”, Genesis 1:2.

The same divine power that created the universe created the virgin’s conception and caused Jesus to be without sin. “...therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”

From the moment of His conception Jesus was without sin. Here “the Son of God” primarily refers to His essence. He is both God and man.

Gabriel gives Mary an example of supernatural conception, Elizabeth.

His words also allude to Abraham and Sarah. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90 yet God told them they would have a son. When

Sarah laughed God asked them “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”, Genesis 18:14.

The same God who worked miracles in the Old Testament will work this miracle. He will have to be man in order to die, He have to be God for His death to have infinite value.

Mary’s Son Will Be God in _____

5. The Response of Mary (38)

Humble Acceptance

- **Mary _____ her will to God’s will for her life.**

Mary certainly knew the Old Testament which is seen in her response and in her “magnificent”. She reflects the attitude of Hannah the mother of Samuel. Hannah continually referred to herself

as the Lord’s “maidservant”. It is the word that means bond slave.

Mary’s Great Example Is that of a Humble Obedient _____ of God

The Roman Catholic Church teaches the Assumption of Mary that she was taken up to heaven. She is called the Queen of Heaven. This does not come from scripture but from pagan idolatry. Jeremiah 7:18.

We would do well to heed her last recorded words in Scripture when she told the servants at the wedding feast in Cana, "Whatever He says to you, do it," John 2:5.