

Fulfillment of God's Promise Luke 1:26-56

I. Gabriel Visits Mary – 1:26-38

1. God's messenger has another mission – 26-27
As he came to Zachariah with news of a miracle birth
So he comes again with news that would require another miracle
2. He is sent from God for His news requires God's power – 26
As with Zachariah & Elizabeth it was barrenness & old age
So with Mary it is one who is a virgin
3. With Zachariah it was in the holy city of Jerusalem - 27
Zachariah happened to be serving at the temple as the chosen priest
For the virgin Mary it was in the city in Galilee named Nazareth
Not one of the chief cities of Israel
4. Mary was betrothed to a man named Joseph - 27
Betrothed meant a solemn commitment requiring divorce – Matt. 1:19
He was of the house of David
5. The angel Gabriel greeted Mary with these words – 28
“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”
6. But she was greatly troubled at this saying – 29
She tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be
A young virgin like Mary could not understand what was to come
7. The angel sought to comfort her – 30
With words – “Do not be afraid,” “You have found Favor with God”
8. The angel told her she had been selected by God - 31-32
“Behold you will conceive in your womb”
“And bare a son, and you shall call His name Jesus”
“He will be great and be called the Son of the Most High” - 32
Does this not mean that He is the Son of God?
9. This Son is the fulfillment of God's promises to David – 32-33
“The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David”
That birth line is traced in Luke 3:23-38 and Matt . 1:1
“He will reign over the house of Jacob forever”
“And of His kingdom there will be no end”
10. Mary's response to the angel – 34
“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”
Surely this will be a puzzle to Mary
11. The angel explains God's plan - 35
“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,”
“And the power of the Most High will overshadow you”

- “Therefore the child to be born will be called holy – The Son of God”
12. Angel gives her Elizabeth's news to bolster her faith – 36-37
“Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son”
“This is the sixth month with her who was called barren”
For nothing will be impossible with God
This was a sign to Mary that she should believe what God was doing
 13. Mary humbly accepts God's plan – 38
“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord;”
“Let it be to me according to your word”
With that the angel departed from Mary

II. Mary Visits Elizabeth – 1:39-45

1. Mary arose & went in haste to a town in Judah – 39
Note the haste – this visit was important to her
2. Reaching the house of Zachariah she greeted Elizabeth– 40
Note what happened at that point to Elizabeth
3. Baby in her womb leaped & was filled with the Holy Spirit – 41
He was beginning his ministry to proclaim God's Son
4. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit – 42-43
She cried out with a loud cry –
“Blessed are you among women & blessed is the fruit of your womb”
“And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me”
5. She told Mary about her baby leaping in her womb - 44
Elizabeth did have a baby in her womb
And this baby leaped for joy as a sign
6. Elizabeth proclaimed a blessing on Mary - 45
“Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord”
7. Mary burst forth in a song of praise to the God who allowed her to serve His holy purpose of providing a Savior for sinful humans- 46-55
8. Mary remained with Elizabeth about 3 months – 56
Just about the time that John was to be born
Then she returned to her home where she waited for her time

