

“Miraculous Christmas”
Luke 1:26-38
Christmas Eve 2019

The Purpose of Luke’s Gospel – Luke 1:4 so that you might know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

To tell the whole accurate account of life of Jesus Christ.

This is Scripture, God’s Word.

Christmas – is the “First Advent of the Son of God” (His first coming)

Christmas – is the “Incarnation of the Son of God” (God taking on flesh)

Christmas – is “Jesus conceived of the Holy Spirit” (Virgin Birth)

The Events of the Very “First Christmas” are “Miraculous!”

1. Verses – 26-33 Miracle - God Becoming Man:

2. Verses – 34-35 Miracle - The Virgin Birth:

3. Verses – 36-38 Miracle - Mary’s Great Faith:

1. Verses – 26-33 Miracle - God Becoming Man:

Luke 1:26 Now in the sixth month

Context – Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and announced that his barren wife Elizabeth would bear John the Baptist.

Nazareth – It was this town that Rome would draw a work force from to do labor for Rome.

Luke 1:27 to a virgin

The Bible emphasizes this because of the birth that is going to follow.

Joseph – “to act or add”

of the descendants of David;

The kingly line continued. Jesus Christ would have been the next King of the Jews.

Luke 1:28 The Humility of Mary: “Greetings, favored one!

“unmerited, undeserved grace from God!”

KJV: blessed art thou among women.

Notice it does not say: **blessed art thou above women. Luke 1:48**

Luke 1:29 But she was very perplexed at this statement,

Mary was not omniscient and did not know all things.

The Spiritual Depth of Mary:

and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.

The word **pondering** – *"to take an inventory, to estimate, reason, reckon, suppose, think"*

Psalm 119:78 But I shall meditate on Thy precepts.

Luke 1:30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary;

Mary's response is classic to people that encounter angels.

That the Christmas story has awe and fear.

Luke 1:31 The name **Jesus** – Hebrew **Joshua** which means *"salvation, Jehovah Saves, Jehovah Is Salvation"*

Luke 1:32 "He will be great,

He will be God in flesh.

and will be called the Son of the Most High;

Verse- 31 conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

God would become man. The great miracle. **Incarnation** - Though the word itself does not appear in Scripture, its components (*"in" and "flesh"*) do. **John 1:14 the Word became flesh.**

He also wrote of Jesus **coming in the flesh (1 John 4:2; 2 John 7)**

Isaiah described God in flesh 700 years before Jesus' birth.

Isaiah 7:14 Immanuel It means *"the very presence of the virgin-born Child brings God to His people"* **Isaiah 9:6**

Mighty God means *"The hero God"* Thus the phrase means a hero whose chief characteristic is that He is God.

Jesus, for all practical purposes, was "God With Skin On"

Hebrews 2:17 (We are sinners) **Romans 6:23; Romans 5:6-8**

and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;
2 Samuel 7:8-16 Davidic Covenant.

Luke 1:33

God Becoming Man Is Miraculous: So He could be the perfect sacrifice for sin!

2. Verses – 34-35 Miracle - The Virgin Birth:

Luke 1:34 "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

"How could there be a natural child when Mary has not had relations?"

Scriptures Emphasize That Mary Was A Virgin: Luke 1:27

The OT Foretold This Miracle: Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 1:18, 20

Luke 1:35 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; That Mary would conceive of the Holy Spirit.

overshadow – The word *"Describes God's presence in the sanctuary"*

Why is the Virgin Birth Important? If the conception of Mary was of a man, then Jesus is not God but a man, and if He is a man, we cannot be forgiven of our sins because only God can forgive. **John 3:6**

and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. (God in Flesh)

The Virgin Birth Is Miraculous: It proves Jesus was divine. It sets the time of the incarnation not later!

3. Verses – 36-38 Miracle - Mary's Great Faith:

Luke 1:36

Luke 1:34 And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

God gives a sign to Mary by breaking the silence about Elizabeth's impending birth. She has been in seclusion because of her husband's unbelief.

Luke 1:37 "For nothing will be impossible with God." Literally *"For not impossible will be every word with God."*
What a promise to hold on to, the reality that God can do the miraculous.

God's words to Sarah who laughed at her having a child. **Genesis 18:14**
"Is anything too difficult for the LORD?"

Luke 1:38

**Mary by faith gave herself in submission to God:
And Mary said, "Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it done to
me according to your word."**

**Mary models Faith & Submission; we will never experience Jesus
and His ongoing power without surrendering to Him.**

Mary knew her story would be questioned, Joseph himself doubted.
Matthew 1:19

**How do These Truths Affect Me this Christmas Eve?
What needs to happen?**

Application:

- 1. Confess - That I Am A Sinner, I Have Sinned Against God:
Romans 3:23
Luke 2:10-11 (Jesus Is Called The Savior Because Mankind Is Lost!)**
- 2. Repent – Turn, Forsake Your Sins (U-turn) A New Direction.
Acts 3:19**
- 3. Receive – Believe, Place Your Faith In Jesus Christ. John 10:9**