

Mary Did Know
Luke 1:26-38

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I. The message was delivered. **Luke 1:26-30**

Six months after the announcement, the angel Gabriel was sent to a virgin girl, Mary, with some _____ news that she would become pregnant with a special son, but not by Joseph.

- I often joke around and say that I am the Lord's favorite, and although that sounds conceited, it is correct. If you have Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you also are His _____ or favored one.

God shows each of us favor and blessings in many ways, but we become _____ the moment we accept Jesus' free gift of salvation by faith! (Grace = God's riches at Christ's expense)

II. **Who is this baby? Luke 1:31-33**

"Liberators are great, and He is the greatest of them. Saviors are great, and He is the _____ of them." (Spurgeon)

- **Highest** means the Most High and the _____ God of heaven.

The son of Mary was also the Son of God, the Messiah prophesied to David as the One who has the rightful _____ to rule over Israel, and of His kingdom there will be no end. **2 Samuel 7:12-14**

III. **Clarifying questions. Luke 1:34-38**

Notice Gabriel's answer to Mary that the power of the Highest, represented in the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, would _____ Mary.

- We are told here in **verse 35** Jesus did not become the Son of God; He was called the Son of God, showing the divine nature Jesus always had from _____ past.

Once you choose to follow the Lord with every part of your being, you will never be the same, and life will be _____.

IV. **Lyrical pursuit.**

Mary would have fully understood all that Gabriel had promised because she knew the _____ given within the Word of God.

- Joseph was informed of the baby Jesus' clear purpose in **Matthew 1:21**, "**For He will _____ His people from their sins.**"

The Greek word in **John 18:6** for "**I am**" is *ego eimi*. It literally means, "**I am**" **who I am**, the self-_____ God!

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Luke 1:26-30**. Discuss the betrothal process for a marriage during Biblical times. *What could have happened to Mary if Joseph wanted to have her held to the standard of the Law?* **Leviticus 20:10-12, Leviticus 22:22-24, John 8:2-11**
2. Mary is called the highly favored one, she was told the Lord was with her, and she was called blessed. Discuss how these three statements are true for believers in Jesus Christ as well. **Matthew 28:18-20, John 1:16, Ephesians 1:6-14, Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 13:5**
3. Read **Luke 1:31-33**. Describe the identity of the baby promised to Mary. **2 Samuel 7:12-14, Psalm 2:12, Isaiah 7:14, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Romans 11:26-27**
4. Read **Luke 1:34-38**. *Did Mary have a lack of faith with her questions to the angel? What was the promise the angel revealed to Mary as proof that nothing is impossible for God?*
5. Discuss the practical application of this sermon:
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? **Isaiah 35:6-7**
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? **Matthew 1:21**
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? **Isaiah 49:8, Romans 5:12, Revelation 21:5**
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you. **Romans 11:26-27**
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? **Isaiah 35:5**
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm the storm with his hand? **Psalm 65:6-7**
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? **Isaiah 66:1**
When you kiss your little baby, you kiss the face of God. **Psalm 2:12**
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again. **Isaiah 42:6-7**
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb. **Matthew 11:5**
Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? **Isaiah 9:6**
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations? **Jeremiah 23:5-6**
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb? **Isaiah 53:7-8**
That sleeping child you're holding is the great I Am. **Exodus 3:14, John 18:5-6**