

The Prophet and the Messiah

“The Messiah”

Luke 1:26-38

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Introduction:

- *Luke 1:13-15*
 - *Genesis 12:2-3*
 - *Luke 1:26-38*
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1. The Parents:

- John 1:43-46*
- Who are Mary and Joseph? We don't know a lot about them. But I don't think that is a bad thing either ... I think we forget that sometimes.
- We cannot forget that the Bible highlights one person above all else and that is Jesus Christ ... and that is the way it should be.*
- Joseph ... The name means, “May He add” ... first record of the name is in **Genesis 30:22-24***
 - He is a God-fearing man who loved his wife very much.*
 - Legally, he could have had Mary stoned to death for infidelity.*
 - Matthew 1:19*
 - Matthew 1:20-22*
 - Matthew 1:24-25*
 - Hebrew – **Yeshua** ... English – **Jesus** ... means ... “*The Lord Saves.*”
- Mary ... comes from Miriam and it means, “Sea of Bitterness.”*
 - Luke 1:28*
 - Three things about Mary:*
 - She was highly favored – Greek- Charitoo ... English – Favored ... means, “Favor bestowed upon.”*
 - God was with her*
 - She was blessed among women – **Luke 1:42***
 - What did “Betrothed” mean? ... Was it the same as being engaged today? NO.*
 - Betrothal was a legally binding commitment with two parts:*
 - Formal agreement – The bridal price was paid and it was a witnessed event. The couple is actually married at this point.*
 - The groom would prepare the house – After doing so he would return to get his wife and take her to their home.*
 - Matthew 1:24-25*

2. The Messiah:

- Luke 1:31-33*
- The first mention of the Messiah – **Genesis 3:15***
- Roman 3:23*
- Hebrews 4:14-16*
- John 3:16-17*

3. The How:

- a. **Luke 1:34-37**
- b. *Mary asked a fair question ... “How can this be? I have never been with a man.”*
- c. *That would be okay if we were dealing with normal human circumstances, but we are not. We are dealing with the Creator God of all things.*
- d. *This is important to remember – If you build a computer software and you program it to do many different and difficult tasks ... AS the designer of the software ... you know how to make it do things that no one else has a clue how to do.*
- e. *The designer always has that option ... Because they created the program ... they have the ability to override or bypass whatever function they want.*
- f. **Miracle** ... *“An effect or extraordinary event in the physical world that surpasses all known human or natural powers and is ascribed to a supernatural cause.*
- g. **Luke 1:37**
- h. **Matthew 19:26**
- i. **Proverbs 3:5-6**
- j. **Hebrews 11:1**

4. The Response:

- a. **Luke 1:38**

