

The Prophet and the Messiah

The Messiah

Luke 1:26-38

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Introduction:

- **John 14:6**
 - **John 8:32**
 - Two ways to change your future:
 - One –
 - Two –
 - **Luke 1:26-38**
 - Last week, Gabriel visited a Priest at the Temple. This week, he visits a young lady at her home.
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1. The Parents:

- a. Nazareth was a place that was not too highly thought of.
- b. **John 1:43-46**
- c. Who are Joseph and Mary?
- d. Joseph – His name means, “*My he add.*”
 - i. The first record of the name is found in **Genesis 30:24**.
 - ii. **Genesis 30:22-24**
 - iii. Joseph was a carpenter – (Woodworker/stonecutter)
 - iv. Joseph was a God-fearing man, and he loved his wife deeply.
 - v. **Matthew 1:19-22**
 - vi. **Matthew 1:24-25**
 - vii. Hebrew – Yeshua ... English – Jesus ... means ... “*The Lord Saves.*”
- e. Mary – Comes from Mariam - “*Sea of bitterness.*”
 - i. First found in Exodus with the sister of Moses.
 - ii. She was a virgin pledged to be married to Joseph. Both Mary and Joseph come from the Line of David.
 - iii. **Luke 1:28**
 - iv. Three things to consider about Mary:
 1. She was highly favored ... Greek – Charitoo (*Car-Eat-Toe*) ... English – Favored ... Means ... “*To Bestow favor on ... To Highly favor.*”
 2. God was with her.
 3. Mary was considered blessed among women ... **Luke 1:42**.
 - v. What does it mean to be “Betrothed or Pledged” to someone? Is this the same as being “Engaged?” – NO.

- vi. Betrothal was a legal and bonding commitment – Consist of two parts:
 - 1. Formal agreement
 - 2. The groom would prepare things for his family.
- vii. **Matthew 1:24-25**

2. The Messiah:

- a. **Luke 1:31-33**
- b. The Messiah is first mentioned in the Garden of Eden – **Genesis 3:15**
- c. Man could not stay in his sinful state and be with God.
- d. Man could not pay for his sins himself and be with God, because death was the payment.
- e. **Romans 3:23**
- f. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- g. **John 3:16**

3. The How:

- a. **Luke 1:34-37**
- b. *“How can I have a child when I have never been with a man?”*
- c. We have never seen a woman have a baby without the assistance of a man in some way.
- d. In this situation, we are not talking about what man can do – We are talking about what the Creator of all things can do.
- e. Why is that important? Since God is the designer of all things, He can override or bypass the function of anything He has created.
- f. It does not catch me off guard that a non-believer would struggle with the virgin birth. Their struggle is out of Biblical ignorance.
- g. What does catch me off guard is when a Christian struggles with the virgin birth.
 - i. If you believe that God can do all the other miracles in the Bible, why would you struggle with this one?
- h. **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.”*
- i. **Luke 1:37**
- j. **Matthew 19:26**
- k. There is nothing outside the realm of the Creator. He is the One who programs all things.
- l. **Proverbs 3:5-6**
- m. **Hebrews 11:1**

4. The Response:

- a. **Luke 1:38**
- b. Are you willing to be used by God?