

## The Birth of Messiah is Foretold

Luke 1:26-56

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**The miraculous birth of the Messiah was announced in advance.**

### I. The angel, Gabriel, was again dispatched to announce an impending birth that would fulfill several OT prophecies. (v. 26-27)

So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.  
(Matthew 2:23b)

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. (John 1:45-46)

When [King Herod] had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.’” (Matthew 2:4-6 quoting Micah 5:2,4)

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” (Matthew 2:13-15 quoting Hosea 11:1)

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). (Matthew 1:22-23 quoting Isaiah 7:14)

### II. Mary is greeted (not prayed to) by the angel as being blessed by God. (v. 28-29)

### III. Gabriel reassures her and announces that she will bear an incredible child who will grow up to be the Savior of the world. (v. 30-33)

#### A. God’s plan for her is a magnificent act of His grace.

## **B. The child is directed to be named Jesus because His name is His mission.**

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

After he has suffered,

he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,

and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:11-12)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures... (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

## **C. The child would grow to become the greatest figure in human history.**

The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. (Mark 1:22)

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?” “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.” (John 10:22-33)

#### **D. The angel states that the child would grow to be the Messiah promised by Isaiah.**

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”” (2 Samuel 7:11b-16)

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David’s throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:15)

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” (John 18:36)

#### **IV. The angel reiterates that the child will be the Son of God through the Holy Spirit. (v. 34-35)**

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34-35)

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." (1 Peter 2:22 quoting Isaiah 53:9)

**V. Elizabeth's miraculous pregnancy was a sign of the truthfulness of the angel's words.**  
**(v. 36-37)**

**VI. Not caring about the scandal such a pregnancy would produce, Mary humbly submits herself to God's plan. (v. 38-40)**

**VII. The Holy Spirit, already on the unborn baby, John, also comes upon Elizabeth who prophesied: (v. 41-45)**

**VIII. Mary responds to all these things by magnifying God in a song of worship.**

...a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you."

Jesus replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Luke 11:27-28)

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. (1 Samuel 12:24)

Love the Lord, all his faithful people! The Lord preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full. (Psalm 31:23)

The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled)... (Isaiah 2:12)

"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
    wisdom and power are his.  
He changes times and seasons;  
    he deposes kings and raises up others.  
He gives wisdom to the wise  
    and knowledge to the discerning.  
He reveals deep and hidden things;  
    he knows what lies in darkness,  
    and light dwells with him. (Daniel 2:20-22)

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
    and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
for he satisfies the thirsty  
    and fills the hungry with good things. (Psalm 107:8-9)

“Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us. May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors. And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day’s need, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other. (1 Kings 8:56)

I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.  
You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant,  
‘I will establish your line forever  
and make your throne firm through all generations.’” (Psalm 89:1-4)