

# THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

## *Luke 1:5-38*

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ leading up to Christ's Birth
- A. The time period was a spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ one
- 400 years of seeming \_\_\_\_\_ between the Old and New Testament
  - The governmental leader: King Herod the Great, the ruling king over Judea
    - He was a \_\_\_\_\_ and paranoid king
      - He had at least \_\_\_\_\_ wives
      - He had one of his wives and two of his sons \_\_\_\_\_
    - He was determined to \_\_\_\_\_ the earth of the "New Born King of the Jews"
      - The Wise Men came looking for the King **Mt. 2:1-12**
        - Herod instructed them to go find the King and report back to him so he could " \_\_\_\_\_ " him also
        - God instructed them not to report back to Herod
      - Herod killed all the young male Jewish children in an effort to rid himself of the "New Born King" **Mt 2:13-16**
- B. There was great \_\_\_\_\_ between the Northern and Southern kingdoms
- The Jews of Southern Israel had a great \_\_\_\_\_ for the Jews of Northern Israel
  - John 1:45-46** Nathaniel's expression of \_\_\_\_\_ to his brother Phillip's announcement
- C. There were challenges for the \_\_\_\_\_ leadership of that day **Vs 5-25**
- The announcement by Gabriel to Zacharias
  - Zacharias' \_\_\_\_\_
    - Zacharias was a \_\_\_\_\_ follower (righteous) of God **Vs 5-7**
    - Zacharias was a man filled with \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 8-17**
    - Zacharias' disbelief was \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 18-22**
    - Zacharias \_\_\_\_\_ the mercy and grace of God **Vs 23-25**
- II. The Announcement of Christ's Birth **Vs 26-38**
- A. Six \_\_\_\_\_ of Elizabeth's pregnancy had elapsed
- B. Even though the people of Judah scorned the Jews in Galilee, God chose a young lady from Nazareth, of \_\_\_\_\_ to be the mother of His Only Begotten Son
- Mary was a descendant of David, and from the Tribe of Judah
  - Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph, the carpenter
    - It appears that both Mary and Joseph were \_\_\_\_\_ people
    - Engagement in that day was looked at as though they were already \_\_\_\_\_ and the engagement could only be broken by divorce
    - Mary was a cousin to Elizabeth
    - Mary was probably in her early \_\_\_\_\_ years, and she was a virgin
- C. Gabriel made the announcement of Jesus birth **Vs 26-33**
- He announced to \_\_\_\_\_ the birth of John, the Baptist
  - He announced to \_\_\_\_\_ the birth of Jesus, the Son of God
  - This announcement to Mary had great importance, since in Scripture the \_\_\_\_\_ usually is the one given important news by God
  - Gabriel's greeting to Mary: "Rejoice, highly \_\_\_\_\_ one, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among \_\_\_\_\_ women!" **Vs 28**
  - Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ and disturbed at the greeting. **Vs 29**

- a. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ what is happening **Vs 30a**
  - b. God has \_\_\_\_\_ to show you favor **Vs 30b**
  - c. You will have a male child and you will name Him Jesus **Vs 31**
  - d. This Son will be the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God **Vs 32**
  - e. This Son will be \_\_\_\_\_ over Israel forever **Vs 33**
- D. Mary tried to understand how this could ever take place under the circumstances **Vs 34**
- 1. This response seemed to be a moot point, yet God saw fit to record it.
  - 2. Could it be God wants us to understand that He chooses \_\_\_\_\_ He will have carry out His purposes?
  - 3. Could it be God wants us to understand that His choices are not determined by our " \_\_\_\_\_"?
  - 4. Could it be God wants us to understand He \_\_\_\_\_ accomplish any task He wishes through whomever He wishes?
  - 5. Could it be God wants us to know we don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ what He is doing in our life, we just need to \_\_\_\_\_?
- E. Gabriel helped Mary understand and realize God was \_\_\_\_\_ at work. **Vs 35-37**
- 1. The fulfillment of the announcement would be a supernatural act of God \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 35**
  - 2. She was not the only one in whom God was performing a \_\_\_\_\_ **Vs 36-**
- 37
- G. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_ submitted **Vs 38**
- 1. Not having time to \_\_\_\_\_ the situation at hand,
  - 2. Not totally understanding the full \_\_\_\_\_ of what was taking place,
  - 3. Not understanding fully \_\_\_\_\_ God would make this happen,
  - 4. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ submitted to God's sovereign rule over her without reservation.

Conclusion: As Christians, by faith we \_\_\_\_\_ the events of the Christmas story without reservation. How long has it been since we imagined \_\_\_\_\_ in these events and tried to think about the responses we would have given? The birth of Christ is not some pretty " \_\_\_\_\_" with a happy ending. It is the account of the Son of God coming into this sin cursed world through unusual, yet \_\_\_\_\_ conditions. Let's rejoice that Jesus was willing to come, and that He used \_\_\_\_\_ people like us to accomplish this miraculous event. Then let's be as \_\_\_\_\_ to the challenges of life as Mary was.