

Miraculous Announcements

Luke 1:11-20; 26-38

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Gabriel: God's messenger angel

1. God sent Gabriel with amazing news – (Mal 4:6)
 - a. The news concerned Zacharias and Elizabeth
 - i. He was full of **fear** (troubled) (v.12) .
 - ii. His **prayer** had been heard. (v.13)
 - iii. He and Elizabeth would **have a child** (v.13).
 - b. The News concerned the coming Son.
 - i. His name was given by God (v.13). **John** (*Yahweh has been gracious*)
 - ii. His birth will bring great **Joy** (v.14).
 - iii. He will be great ***in the sight of the Lord*** (v.15).
 - iv. He will be holy and separated (v.15).
 - v. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit **from the womb** (v.15) Gal 1:15-16.
 - vi. He will be a fulfillment of **prophecy** (Mal 4:5, Lk 1:16-17)
2. God sent Gabriel with miraculous news
 - a. The message concerned Mary. Watch for all the parallels..
 - i. She was a **virgin** (v.27) Gen 3:15; Isaiah 7:14
 - ii. She was **engaged** (betrothed) (v.27).
 - iii. She was highly favored (**graced**) (v.28)
 - iv. She was **troubled** (v.29)
 - v. She would conceive and bear a **son**.(v.30)
 - b. The message concerning her Son.
 - i. His name was given by God (v.31). Jesus – ***Savior***.
 - ii. He will be **greater** (v.32)
 - iii. He will rule! **Forever!** (v.32-33)
 - iv. Mary found the news **astounding** (v.34)
 - v. He is **God's Son** (v.35).
 - vi. He is **miraculous** (v.37)

Believe this:

- God knows **where you are**.
- God knows all about **your circumstances**.
- God hears all **your prayers**.
- God acts with perfect **timing**.
- God never forgets any of his **promises**. Is 7:14; Is 9:6-7
- God's plan may cause **misunderstanding** (criticism)
- With God nothing **is impossible**.

Do you believe this? Have you acted?

Next week read LK 1:39-80