

December 14, 2025
Luke 1:26-56
“Lord, Your Will Be Done In My Life”

Angels are real. Gabriel is our messenger angel who is also called an Archangel. Others include Seraphim, Cherubim, myriads of general angels, and demons.

The Holy Spirit came over Mary and by this manner she became pregnant. The Virgin birth is a hill upon which to die. This was a miraculous conception. Mary was highly favored by God. *Mary is not to be worshiped. Human life begins at conception, fetus-Latin word for little one.*

Mary was betrothed to Joseph. This was a binding agreement in this culture, much stronger than an engagement of today is. The angel told Mary and Zechariah, do not be afraid/terrified. *Do not worship angels: Colossians 2:18; Revelation 19:10 and 22:8-9.* Angels worship God, *Revelation 4:8*, so why worship the lesser?

Gabriel made five predictions about Mary's little baby.

1. He will be great.
2. Jesus will be called the Son of the Most High. Mary could not miss that this name indicated equality with Yahweh. The term “Son of” means “a carbon copy.”
3. Jesus will be given the throne of David. Jesus will reign during the Millennial Kingdom. In *II Samuel 7:16* this reality of future times is expressed in the giving of the Davidic Covenant. *Do you believe the prophets? I know you do, see Acts 26:26-27.*
4. Jesus will reign over the house of Jacob forever. This reign will begin with the Millennial Kingdom and continue into the eternal state.
5. Jesus' kingdom will never end. Mary would have understood this to be referring to the Messiah spoken of so long ago by king David and recorded in *II Samuel 7*.

Mary was not sure how this would come about. Mary was not rebuked as was Zechariah for his unbelief. She just didn't understand. Mary freely consented, let it be, Lord, I am at your service.

Mary visited Elizabeth. Elizabeth was moved by the Holy Spirit and so was her baby, JTB, when they heard Mary's greeting, *v 41*. Mary was blessed because she BELIEVED *v 45*.

Vv 46-55, Mary's song. “The Magnificat.” Mostly from OT allusions as was the song of Zechariah and Simeon. There are similarities to Hannah's song in *I Samuel 2:1-10* as well. It is believed she remained until the birth of John and then returned to her childhood home because of the betrothal period situation. The Greek language does distinguish/support this.

Application:

Lord, may I be your willing servant. Not living for my self but a willing vessel who can say, may it happen to me as You have said. When the road You have for me seems to be too much, too hard, please give me grace and bring to my mind, nothing is impossible with God.