

“GRACED WITH CHILD”

Luke 1:26-38

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I. When does grace come? (vv. 26-29)

“Gabriel was sent by God.”

“a city of Galilee named Nazareth”

“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

“she was greatly troubled ... tried to discern”

God shows grace at unlikely _____ to unlikely people at unlikely _____.

Exodus 2: 23-25

Galatians 4:4-5

II. What form does grace take in her life? (vv. 30-33)

“Do not be afraid... you have found favor with God.”

“you will conceive in your womb and bear a son”

“you shall call his name Jesus”

“called the Son of the Most High”

“give to him the throne of his father David.”

“of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Jesus is the great _____ bearing _____ for His people.

Deuteronomy 10:17

2 Samuel 7:16

Isaiah 9:6-7

III. Mary: “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” (vv. 34-37)

“How can this be?”

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you .. the power of the Most High will overshadow you.”

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Jesus is God’s _____ to us in the _____.

Isaiah 7:14
 Jeremiah 32:17
 Matthew 17:5

“The point is clear: salvation must come in a way that only God can accomplish so that we will know that God has done it and so that he might get all the glory.”
 -Mike McKinley

IV. What is the best response to this unexpected, overwhelming grace? (vv. 38)

“I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

Faith _____ to God as a _____.

“For she gives and devotes herself unreservedly to God, that he may freely dispose of her according to his pleasure.”
 -John Calvin

“In a word, as faith alone makes us obedient servants to God, and gives us up to his power, so unbelief makes us rebels and deserters.”
 -John Calvin

Child to be Born	John	Jesus
Recipient	The father, Zechariah	The mother, Mary (Miriam)
Status	Priest	Betrothed teen
Location	Temple in Jerusalem	Nazareth in Galilee
Role	Forerunner	Rule on David’s Throne
Mother’s Condition	Barren	Virgin
Question	How can this be? (unbelief)	How will this be? (explanation)
Conception	Remarkable/unexpected	Impossible/miraculous

Digging Deeper:

1. What is grace?
2. When has God’s grace surprised you the most?
3. What aspect of Jesus’ greatness delights you most? Why?
4. What aspect of Jesus’ greatness do you struggle to believe? Why?
5. Why is the “virgin birth” and important doctrine?
6. Where is God calling you to serve but you are reluctant?
7. How can Jesus help you to serve?