

Study #5 Bible Reading: Luke 1:26-45

1:26 In the sixth month God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man by the name of Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 Coming into her home, the angel said, "Greetings, you blessed one. The Lord is with you."

29 Startled by what he said, she tried to figure out what such a greeting might mean. 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her. "God has chosen to bless you. 31 You see, you will conceive and have a son, and you will call Him JESUS. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. 33 And the Lord will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. He will be King over the people of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will never end."

34 "How can this be?" Mary asked the angel. "I've had no relations with a husband."

35 "The Holy Spirit will come over you," the angel answered her, "and a power of the Most High God will overshadow you. And for that reason the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now there is also Elizabeth, your relative. She is old, but she too conceived. People call her childless, but she's now in her sixth month. 37 There is nothing that God will not be able to do."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "Let it happen to me as you said." Then the angel left her.

39 Then Mary hurried away to the hill country to a town of Judah. 40 There she went into the home of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she shouted, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Child in your womb. 43 But how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 The moment I heard your greeting, the baby leaped with delight in my womb. 45 And blessed is she who believed that the Lord will accomplish what He promised to do for her."