

## Luke 1:26-45 New Living Translation

### The Birth of Jesus Foretold

**26** In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, **27** to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. **28** Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings,[a] favored woman! The Lord is with you![b]"

**29** Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. **30** "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32** He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. **33** And he will reign over Israel[c] forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

**34** Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

**35** The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. **36** What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. **37** For the word of God will never fail.[d]"

**38** Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

### Mary Visits Elizabeth

**39** A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town **40** where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. **41** At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

**42** Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. **43** Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? **44** When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. **45** You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

### Footnotes:

- **1:28a** Or *Rejoice*.
- **1:28b** Some manuscripts add *Blessed are you among women*.
- **1:33** Greek *over the house of Jacob*.
- **1:37** Some manuscripts read *For nothing is impossible with God*.

### Questions:

1. Who appeared to Mary?  
What did the angel say about Jesus in verses 32 and 33?
2. How did the angel describe Jesus in verse 35?
3. What did Elizabeth call Jesus in verse 43?
4. What does it mean to you to call Jesus Lord of your life?
5. How has Jesus changed your life?