



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

Lesson 7: The Annunciation of Our Savior: It's Magnificent Luke 1:26-38 Part 1

I. Compare JTB and Jesus' birth announcements

- Gabriel visits both times
- Elizabeth is in each story
- Fear
- Assurance
- Prophecy fulfilled

II. v.26 – The 6th month is Elizabeth's pregnancy – Nazareth was way off the path and only one water well

III. v.27

A. Jewish marriage arrangements:

1. Engagement by fathers
2. Betrothal
3. Ceremony when the groom showed up

B. Betrothed/engaged – Greek *mnaomai* – root word is “to remember”

Hebrews 10:17: “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

C. “A descendent of David” is preface for Chapter 3 genealogy

IV. vv. 28-30

A. v. 28 - “Highly favored” doesn't mean she did anything to receive this – it's unmerited grace

1. The tense of the verb “favored” is **to make** grateful/gracious not that she was born that way
2. This is contrary to Roman Catholic teaching

- B. v.30 - Elizabeth and Zechariah were noted as being righteous
- Doesn't mean Mary wasn't righteous
 - Her favor was because of His sovereignty not her value

V. v.31 - Why don't we have the meaning of the name of Jesus in Luke?

A. Scripture often gives us the meaning of names:

1. Hagar and Ishmael – Genesis 16:11 – “YHWH listened to your affliction”
2. Genesis 29-30 - All of Jacob's children: Ruben = YHWH looked on my affliction; Judah = I will praise YHWH; Asher = Happy; Zebulun =Honor

B. What about our Christmas cards?

1. Isaiah 7:14: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*
 2. Isaiah 9:6: *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
 3. Why doesn't Gabriel tell Mary His name will be: Immanuel-Wonderful Counselor- Mighty God- Everlasting Father-Prince of Peace?
 4. Matthew 1:21-23: *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).*
- Remember Luke's audience is for Greek Gentiles so he may not have seen the need to do a Jewish tradition of explaining names

VI. vv.32-33 – Who will Jesus be?

A. He will be great. JTB was “great before the Lord” (v.15) – Jesus was an unqualified “great”

1. “great” in Greek is *megas* – adjective
2. JTB was *megas enopion* (before)
3. Jesus is *megas enopion* nobody

B. He will be called the Son of the Most High

C. The Lord God will give Him the throne of David

D. Reign over the house of Jacob forever

1. Luke says “unto ever” – Greek *eis aion* not *aion* and *aion* (forever and ever)
 - Hebrews 1:8: *But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is **forever and ever**, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom...”*
 - Revelation 22: 3-5: *No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign **forever and ever**.*

E. His kingdom will never end

- Daniel 7:13-14: *I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; **his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.***

VII. vv.34-38

A. v.34 – Why didn’t Gabriel mention Joseph or a “typical” marriage relationship? Because there was nothing typical about this

- Jesus’ birth had to be way more than JTB’s non-unique miraculous birth
- Does Mary doubt? Where’s the rebuke like Zechariah?

B. v.35 – JTB will be filled with the Holy Spirit – Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit

- Miracle of the Virgin Birth? The miracle is the conception
- He will be called holy the Son of God

C. vv.36-37 – What will be impossible for God? Neither an old woman having a baby nor a virgin conception

VIII. **Jesus is greater than JTB**

A. JTB was great before the Lord – Jesus was great

B. JTB is the “prophet of the Most High” (v.76); Jesus is the Son of the Most High

C. JTB had a miraculous birth – Jesus had a miraculous conception

D. JTB prepares the way – Jesus was the Way and reigns forever and ever

IX. 5 Reasons the Virgin Conception is Important – Justin Taylor

1. Doctrine of Scripture – If this isn't true how is the resurrection?
2. Deity of Christ – This was supernatural
3. Humanity of Jesus – He was born of a female human and He suffered on the cross
4. Sinlessness of Jesus – 2 human parents means we are NOT exempt from sin
5. Nature of grace – We are a NEW creation; salvation is a miracle of God

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