

A Birth Announcement from God Luke 1:26-35

Introduction: In biblical history there were occasions where God chose to reveal the history of a life before it was conceived.

- In Luke 1 God began to intervene in history for the first time in over 400 years. He began by sending Gabriel to a priest named Zechariah (Luke :13-17)
- Then God sent Gabriel to Mary with another birth announcement (Luke 1:26-31). First Gabriel gave Mary revelation concerning a miraculous conception. Then Gabriel gave her revelation concerning the life of the child.

From Gabriel's birth announcement, note five reasons why Jesus is GREAT:

I. He is **GOD** 1:32, 35

The Hebrew name for God EL ELYON ("Most High God") speaks of God as sovereign over all the earth (Deut 32:8; Ps 47:2).

1. He is sovereign over nature 2 Sam 22:14-17; Lam 3:37-38
2. He is sovereign over the unrighteous Ps 7:6-9, 17; 9:2, 7
3. He is sovereign over the righteous Ps 21:7

Jesus Christ is the son of the MOST HIGH GOD – He bears the same essence as God (Luke 1:35; Heb 1:3).

- Elizabeth declared His deity (Luke 1:43)
- The angel that appeared to Joseph declared His deity (Mt 1:23)
- Angels declared His deity to the shepherds (Luke 2:11).
- Christ claimed to be God (John 10:30; 14:9).

II. He is **MAN** 1:31, 34-35; 2:6-7

The miracle was in the conception. The Holy Spirit did the miracle of fertilizing an egg in Mary's womb without a man.

Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man! As a result, He is our substitute and our sympathetic High Priest (2 Tim 2:5; Heb 2:17-18).

III. He is HOLY 1:35; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15

IV. He is LORD and someday will reign as KING 1:32-33; Rev 19:11-16

Jesus is the “Christ” – the anointed king. He is ruling over a spiritual today of those who are His – and one day He will reign over an earthly kingdom.

V. He is SAVIOR 1:31; 20:28; Luke 2:28-32; 19:10; 1 Tim 1:15; 1 John 4:14

“Jesus” means, “Jehovah who saves (Mat 1:20-21).” We can admire Jesus as God, man, holy and Lord – but we can only know Him as Savior!

Study Questions:

1. Why is the truth of the virgin conception/birth of Christ critical to our faith in light of the following Scriptures?

Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14 – how does it give credibility to the Bible?

Romans 5:12 – why was it important that Jesus NOT be conceived through a human father?

2. How does the truth that Jesus is fully man impact His present role as our High Priest interceding for us in heaven? What are human experiences that Jesus suffered as a man that enables Him to sympathize with us (physically, emotionally, spiritually)?
3. What is the significance of the holiness of Jesus when it comes to our salvation? See Exodus 12:5; John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 2 Corinthians 5:21.
4. Read 1 John 4:1-3. Can a person be saved if they deny that Jesus is fully God and fully man? How do Mormons, Jehovah’s witnesses and Muslims contradict the Bible’s teaching about Christ?
5. From our study of the five ways in which Jesus is “great” – which causes you the greatest sense of amazement and wonder?

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Day 1: Mark 2	Day 1: Mark 6	Day 1: Mark 10	Day 1: Mark 14	Day 1: Luke 2
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Day 3: Mark 4	Day 3: Mark 8	Day 3: Mark 12	Day 3: Mark 16	Day 3: Luke 4
Day 4: Mark 5	Day 4: Mark 9	Day 4: Mark 13	Day 4: Luke 1	Day 4: Luke 5
Day 5: John 8:12-30	Day 5: John 8:48-59	Day 5: John 10:1-18	Day 5: John 10:22-39	Day 5: John 11:17-44

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace

⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.