

GOD WITH...

A series of Christmas Sermons by
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GOD WITH MARY!

Luke 1:26-38

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A. Mary's Story

1. Her Messenger

Luke 1:26–28, NLT -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, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"*

Luke 1:28, NIV -²⁸ ...*"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."*

2. Her Message

Luke 1:29–33, NLT -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 forever; his Kingdom will never end!"*

3. Her Mystery

Luke 1:34, NLT -³⁴ *Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."*

4. Her Miraculous God

Luke 1:35–37, NLT -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."**

Luke 1:37, NIV -³⁷ *"...For nothing is impossible with God."*

5. Her Submission

Luke 1:38, NLT -³⁸ *Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.*

B. Word Study

Luke 1:28, NASB -²⁸ *And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one!" [Gk. Lemma: χαριτώ ("char-i-too") lit., "highly graced;" used here in the perfect tense (still active), passive voice (it didn't come from you), nominative case (defining the subject, 'God's given Grace'): Lit., "Much Godly Grace has been given—and you still have it (TCT);" This exact same word (κεχαριτωμένη) is used here and one other time: Eph. 1:6, says that same glorious, godly grace is given to the church, " ⁶ "...to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves."] The Lord is with you [the correct translation—for sure!]."*

Luke 1:28, NKJV -²⁸ ...*"Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" [not a precise translation of κύριος (Lord) μετά (all around) σὺ (you)]"*

- **Worship her—No! Honor her—absolutely!**
- **Nowhere in scripture are we told to worship or pray to Mary.**
- **Mary had to have her sins forgiven just like we did.**
- **Don't give to Mary that which belongs to Jesus.**

C. Truths from Mary's Life

1. **Following Christ will not always be easy.**
2. **In your toughest moments, seek to honor and glorify God.**
3. **Faithfulness and obedience (ie., 'total surrender') pays eternal dividends.**
4. **Nothing is impossible with God!**