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Christmas Revelations - Gabriel

Luke 1:26-38
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

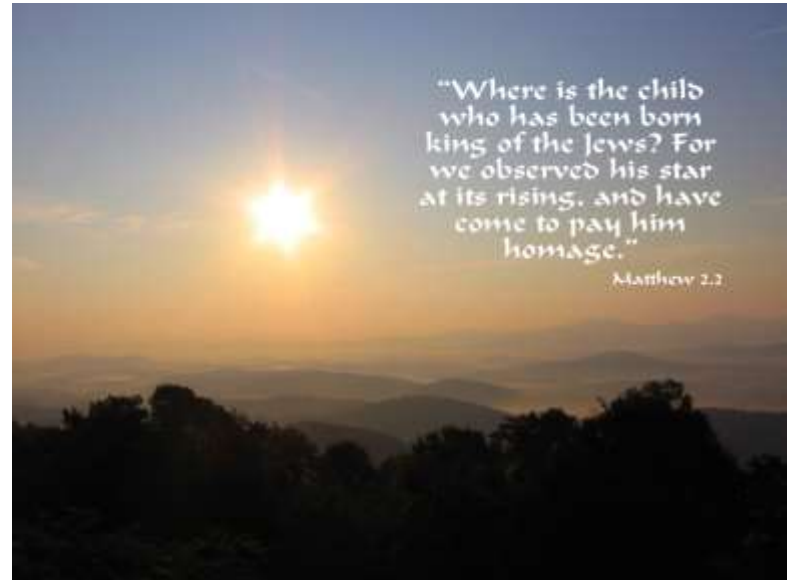
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



For the next five weeks, we will start a series using the first two chapters of the book of Luke. In these chapters, there are five different people that make proclamations giving us revelation about the coming Messiah. The first one is Gabriel. Gabriel is an angel from God sent with a message to Mary, the mother of Jesus. The message proclaims the greatness of Jesus as the Son of the Most High and heir to the throne of King David.



EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in these passages.

Read Luke 1:26-38 (NET)

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you!"

²⁹ But she was greatly troubled by his words and began to wonder about the meaning of this greeting.

³⁰ So the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God!"

³¹ Listen: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.

³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?" ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God.

³⁶ "And look, your relative Elizabeth has also become pregnant with a son in her old age—although she was called barren, she is now in her sixth month! ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ So Mary said, "Yes, I am a servant of the Lord; let this happen to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. What is in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN?

8. In verse 32, why is Jesus called the Son of the Most High?

9. How does Jesus have a claim to the throne of David?

10. Why do you think Mary was troubled by the Angel's greeting?

11. Why do you think Mary found favor with God?

12. For Mary to become pregnant, she risked destroying her relationship with Joseph. Why do you think she said, "Yes, let this happen to me" in verse 38?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What can we do this Christmas to remind people that we are not just celebrating the birth of a child, but the Son of God, the birth of a King?

14. What characteristics does Mary display in this passage? How can we display those same characteristics this Christmas season?

15. What truth does Gabriel proclaim in these verses that we should also proclaim during this Christmas season?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES