

Mary, did you know?

LUKE 1:26-38

Elizabeth

- Married to Zechariah, a priest at the Temple
- Childless, until God intervened
- Zechariah visited by Gabriel, struck dumb after the news
- John the Baptist was their son

Gabriel

- Archangel
- Always involved in end-time stuff (eschatological)

Humble beginnings

- Nazareth – a small town somewhere in the North
- Mary – a teenager, no further details
- Joseph – her betrothed, of the line of David

Greetings

- *Chairo* – Greek.
- Everywhere else in Luke, this is translated as Rejoice!
- *Aspasmos* – Greek.
- Everywhere else in Luke, this is used for “Greetings”

Who is the child?

- Son of the Most High
- He will reign *forever*
- His kingdom will have no end
- The Holy Spirit will come upon you – a God-breathed life
- Oh yes, Mary knew!

The virgin birth

- How important?
- Not mentioned in Paul's letters
- Is there a rational explanation?
- “Is anything too amazing for God?” (Gen 18)
- Jesus, the son of Joseph, and the Son of God

The really amazing thing

- Life in the Land of the Shadow of Death
- The choice that Christ made
- The cross, the nails, the agony
- The most amazing miracle



Rejoice!