

Luke 1:26-38

1. V.26 says, "In the sixth month..." Of what? *Elizabeth's pregnancy*  
What is this section directly linked to? *John the Baptist's birth and Jesus' are linked. Why?*
2. 'Mine' v.26-28 for details: Angel – *Gabriel* Town – *Nazareth* Province - *Galilee*  
person – *virgin* status (description, not name) - *engaged* - fiancé of *Joseph*  
ancestry *descendant of King David* Name of subject -*Mary* (*How many angels are named in Scripture?*)  
*How many prophecies (Old and/or New Testament) have this much detail?*
3. How did the Angel greet Mary? (v.28) *Greetings, you who are highly favored. The Lord is with you.*  
(Rejoice, daughter of Zion)
  - The Bible does not say what the angel looked like. A man? With wings? Other?
4. Describe Mary's reaction to the Angel's greeting (v.29)  
*Greatly troubled (yet trusting and believing) Perhaps she wondered what this would do to her "plans".*  
(We read the account by Luke, it says "angel." Mary had no such narration. But anytime someone greets you like that, you tend to think, 'what do **you** want?')
5. (v.30-33) The Angel elaborates  
(v.30) Who else had words like this spoken to/about him?  
*Genesis 6:8 Noah* What would this *favor* mean to him? *Life, Salvation, God's plan to rebuild thru him.*  
NIV, ESV "... found *favor* in the eyes of the Lord" KJV ... *grace* ...
6. In v.28 and 30, Mary is "highly favored" and has "found favor". Look at Luke 2:14, 2 Cor 6:2 and Psalm 69:13.  
How would you describe God's favor, according to these verses? *Like Grace. Flowing from God.*
7. v.31-33 note the details of the prophecy. 1-You will become - *Pregnant*  
2-You will *give birth* to a son  
3-You will name him - *Jesus/Yeshua/Joshua*  
4-He will be *great*, called *Son of the Most High*  
5-He will receive the *throne of His father David*  
6-He will *reign over the house of Jacob (Israel) forever*  
7-*His Kingdom* will **never end!** *Many OT prophecies are not this detailed.*

8. v.34 What is revealed in this verse? *Mary is a virgin.* How does this relate to the prophecy in Isaiah 7:14? *This is the full and complete fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. The Gospel writer, by the Holy Spirit's inspiration, tells us that this was the original intent of the Prophecy.*
9. v.35 What is revealed in this verse? *Holy Spirit will overshadow, come upon her, baby will be called the holy one, the Son of God.*
10. v.36 What/Who is the sign of this? What is revealed in this verse? *Elizabeth's old-age pregnancy. What is the purpose of mentioning this? (linkage to v.26)*

11. (v.35) The Holy Spirit will **overshadow** you. What does this word involve?

Exodus 40:35 This is the same concept of what the Holy Spirit would do to Mary. What is the concept described in 40:35? *The cloud of God so filled the tabernacle that Moses could not enter. God's GLORY filled the tabernacle. God's GLORY filled Mary.*

12. Compare Mary's response (v.34, 38) to Zechariah's (v.18).

Both responded with questions. What was the difference? *Zachariah doubted the message (prove it). Mary, tho incredulous, simply asked "How?" as in 'help me to understand and accept this'*

13. The deal breaker ----- v.38 *This is the theme in the Sermon*

Mary's response indicates she heard this to happen very soon (v.34). She was engaged, she will get married, have children ... eventually, in due time. Mary heard the angel saying that this was going to happen immediately, not eventually, hence her question "how can this happen – I am a virgin?"

Now, Jesus was coming soon. (Does this ring a bell?) What is Mary's attitude? *We still live with that expectation (coming soon). Mary's attitude was one of complete submission and servanthood.*

14. Read Numbers 6:22-26 This is called The **Aaronic Benediction**. God says that in these words, Moses will (v.27) "put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." The words we use today are:

*"The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord **look upon you with favor**, and give you (His) peace." (Num 6:22-26)*

*Look upon you with favor* is often viewed as synonymous with *grace*. What is God extending upon His people through the words of the Benediction? *His Favor. His Grace. And He says He is putting His Name upon His people.*

15. God's *Grace*. Undeserved favor/*love*. It's the foundation of the Bible's *saving* message from God. How has God's Grace/Favor shown itself in your life in the past week?