

YOU ARE HIGHLY FAVORED!

Luke 1:26-38

Key verse: 1:28

“The angel went to her and said, ‘Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.’”

1. Verse 26 gives us a time indicator. Look back to verses 5-24 to find out what happened six-months earlier. What does “virgin” and “pledged to be married to Joseph” tell us about Mary and her situation?
2. Read verse 28. How did the angel greet Mary? What did “highly favored” mean to her (30-31)? What was the source of her favor (28b)? How is it shown to us today (2Co 6:2; 1Pe 2:9)? How did Mary respond and why (29)?
3. What did the angel tell Mary about the son she would bear (31-33)? List all the things you can find here about who Jesus is and what he came to do.
4. Note the words that have to do with kingship or kingdom.ⁱ What do these tell us about the nature of Jesus’ kingship? How might this enlarge your concept of Jesus? How does it honestly make you feel about him?
5. How does Gabriel answer Mary’s question about how this could happen (34-35)? What more do you learn about Jesus here? How did the angel encourage Mary (36-37)? What could this mean for you?
6. What decision did Mary come to (38)? Review the conversation between the angel and Mary (28,34,38), noting how she went from being troubled to accepting God’s word. What do you learn from this?

ⁱ “Son of the Most High,” “the throne of his father David,” “reign over Jacob’s descendants forever,” “his kingdom will never end.” See also 2 Sam 7:11-13; Dan 2:35,44-45.