

**Title:** Nothing is Impossible With God

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**Text:** Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth,

**“Gabriel”**

**“Nazareth”**

**“sixth month”**

Luke 1:24 After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself in seclusion for **five months**, saying,

Luke wants us to see that Jesus and John had intertwined destinies

John was born before Jesus; therefore, he is pictured as going before Jesus, preparing the way for His arrival.

Malachi 3:1 “Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way **before Me**. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the Lord of hosts.

27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.

**“virgin”**

**“engaged” to Joseph**

ESV / LSB - **“betrothed”** -

**“of the descendants of David”**

28 And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

**“favored one”**

There was nothing intrinsically worthy about Mary that set her above other believers as if she was perfectly holy.

Eccl. 7:20; Is. 53:6; Ro. s 3:12

**Should Mary be worshiped?**

Matthew 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him **only**.’

29 But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was.

30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

31 “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.

The angel’s stunning announcement includes ordinary, human language to describe her pregnancy and childbirth.

**“conceive”**

Same Greek word for Elizebeth - verses 24 and a similar idea down in verse 36

**“womb”**

**“bear” “son”**

**“Jesus” = \_\_\_\_\_**

The name Jesus is derived from the Hebrew name “Yeshua” (ישוע), which comes from the root word “yasha” (ישע), meaning “to rescue,” “to deliver,” or “to save.” The name combines “Ye” or “Yah,” a short form of “Yahweh,” the personal name of God in the Old Testament, with “shua,” meaning salvation or saving. Thus, “Yeshua” literally means “Yahweh is salvation” or “Yahweh saves.”

Jesus had to be God to represent God to man, and He had to be man to represent man to God.



Colossians 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

32 “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High;

**“great”**

**“the Son of the Most High”**

The Bible uses the term “Most High” (Hebrew: El Elyon) to describe God in several key passages, emphasizing His supreme sovereignty, exalted status, and ultimate authority over all creation.

32a. and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

**“father”**

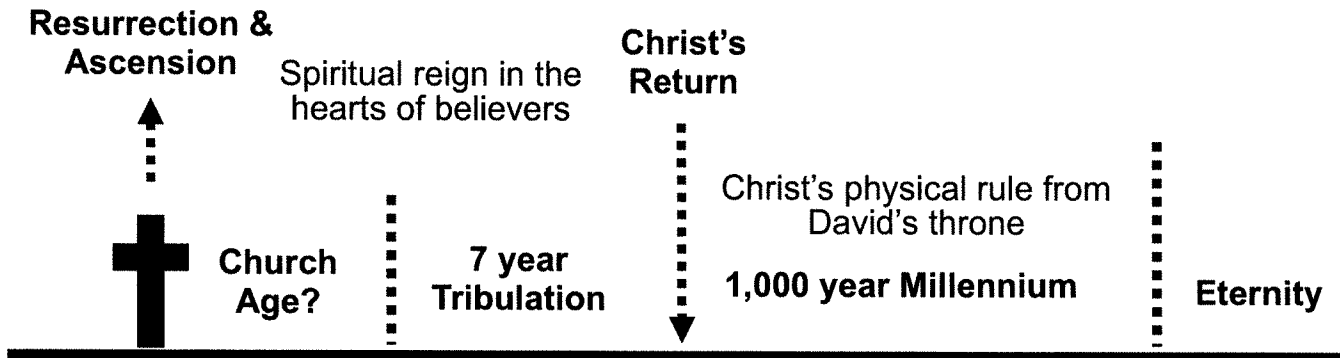
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2 Samuel 7:12–16 “When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 “He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom **forever**. 14 “I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, 15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 “Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me **forever**; your throne shall be established **forever**.” ’

**“forever” 3 times** - Emphasizes the eternal nature

of the kingdom to Dave and Israel

## Davidic Covenant



33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

“**house of Jacob**” - A synonym for \_\_\_\_\_

“**will have no end**” = Forever

2 Samuel 7:10–11 “I will also appoint a place for My people **ISRAEL** and will plant them, that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will the wicked afflict them any more as formerly, 11 even from the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you.

### The Lord's first coming.

31 “**AND** behold, you will conceive in your womb **AND** bear a son, **AND** you shall name Him Jesus. 32 “He will be great **AND** will be called the Son of the Most High;

## **The Lord's return**

**AND** the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;  
33 **AND** He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, **AND** His kingdom will have no end.”

**Our Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ is just as important  
as His first coming.**

**Our Lord's return to restore Israel is as \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ as His birth.**

34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

35 The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

**“Holy Spirit”**

**“overshadow”**

**The divine creative miracle guaranteed two things that  
would be true about Jesus.**

1. He would be a **“holy Child”** unlike any other infant ever born.
2. He would be called the **“Son of God.”**

36 “And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. 37 “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

38 And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

### **The divine pattern for salvation:**

**1. God \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation.**

**2. Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.**

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and **HER SEED**; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

**3. Salvation is \_\_\_\_\_.**

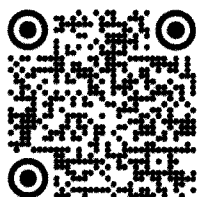
Matthew 19:25–26 When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” 26 And looking at them Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but **with God all things are possible.**”

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the **Holy Spirit**,

#### 4. Salvation requires \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word.

### Discussion Guide

1. How does the quiet, unnoticed setting of Nazareth challenge the way you usually think about where and how God does His most important work?
2. In what ways do the intertwined callings of John and Jesus encourage you to believe that God is also ordering the details and timing of your life story?
3. How does the certainty of Christ's future reign over a real Israel and real earth affect the way you view current events, suffering, and your own future hope?
4. Where do you need to move from "How can this be?" to "Let it be to me according to your word" and respond to God's call with the same surrendered faith as Mary?



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**ANSWERS:** Yahweh saves, Davidic Covenant, Israel, return, literal, certain, initiates, unmerited, supernatural, faith