

Who Was This Baby in a Manger?

(Luke 1:26-55)

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary.

²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

³⁰ Then 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 bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; 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 of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*"

³⁶ "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ "For with God nothing will be impossible." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ "But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ "Blessed *is* she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy *is* His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him From generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones, And exalted *the* lowly. ⁵³ He has filled *the* hungry with good things, And *the* rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of *His* mercy, ⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

Why? To review, remind, and refresh our thoughts about Jesus, Who is much more than a baby in a manger (and no longer that).

12 Descriptive Phrases

1. _____ **Son**
"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son" (31a)
2. **Mankind's** _____
"and shall call His name JESUS." (31b)
3. _____ **Influential**
"He will be great" (32a)
4. _____ **Son**
"[He] will be called the Son of the Highest" (32b); "called the Son of God" (35c)
5. **Davidic** _____
"the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David." (32c)
6. _____ **Ruler**
"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." (33)
7. _____ **One**
"also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God." (35b)
8. _____ **Master**
"And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation." (50)
9. _____ **Judge**
"He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones" (51-52a)
10. **Satisfying** _____
"He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty." (53)
11. _____ **Keeper**
"He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy" (54)
12. _____ **Fulfillment**
"As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever." (55)