

The First Advent
of the King of all kings



**Angelic News that
Would Change
the World**

Review of Angelic news for the forerunner first

Zechariah and Elizabeth (both descendants of Aaron and Levi) were seen as blameless and upright but were old and without children.

Zechariah, of Abijah's division, is chosen by lot (probably a once in a lifetime experience) to present the incense offering in the holy place.

The angel, Gabriel, appears to Zechariah to tell him that his prayers have been answered and that they'll have a son to be named John.

Zechariah doubts the news and is made mute, and his speech wasn't restored until the day of circumcision, when he confirmed John's name.

Luke 1:26-34 (NIV) ²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.

The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

This same angelic messenger also visited Zechariah. Being pledged in marriage had the same legal standing as being married.

We don't know exactly where Mary was or what she was doing, but the angel's appearance would be frightening, and his words certainly created suspense.

This would be among the highest honors to be chosen as the woman to give birth and parent the Messiah! She was, indeed, favored!

Luke 1:30-33 (NKJV) 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."

Bearing a son was an honor for any Jewish woman, but to bear this Son showed Mary was, indeed, favored.

Though Jesus' purpose was to give His life as a sacrifice for all who follow Him, He also came to receive His everlasting kingship.

Jesus' name signifies His prophesied purpose. It means "Yahweh saves" or "Yahweh is salvation".

We are called to bear the name of Jesus and share in His suffering.
Will you share His gospel, even though persecution will follow?

Luke 1:34-38 (LSB) ³⁴ But Mary said to the angel, "How will 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. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, the slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

It's miraculous to have a child beyond the age of childbearing, but it's much more miraculous to bear a child without a human father!

This news would prompt Mary to visit Elizabeth &, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth would know Mary's news and be a support to her

Do we have Mary's attitude? Do we consider ourselves slaves of the Lord and that whatever His will is, we'd have it done in us?

The Majestic Tapestry of Scriptural Fulfillment

John the Baptist was born to prepare a people for the **King's** coming. He was a powerful representation of the Old Covenant, often referred to as "**The Law** and the **Prophets**," which pointed to the **Messiah**.

John's parents descended from Levi, and his father was a **Levitical priest** of the Old Covenant (represented by Moses and Aaron).

Elijah was seen as the greatest **prophet** of the Old Covenant. John came in Elijah's spirit and power and became the greatest O.C. **prophet**.

Jesus came to fulfill the **Levitical priesthood (The Law)**, in the order of Melchizedek, the Old Covenant **prophets**, and the **kingship** of David. Jesus would become known as **Prophet, Priest (our High Priest), and King**.