



AN IMPOSSIBLE CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF MARY
LUKE 1:26-38

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - December 19, 2021

1. Affirm _____

Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from 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. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And 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 call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to 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 And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

2. Realize _____

3. Submit _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of the situations in your life that might seem impossible? How does considering the power and promises of God help you to think differently about that?

2. How does God's power displayed through fulfilled prophecy increase your confidence in his power? Choose some prophecies about Jesus' incarnation to focus on this Christmas.

3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. What are some of the ways you have seen this to be true in your own life? How have you seen God being glorified even when you felt weak or insufficient for the task ahead?

4. Read Luke 1:38. What keeps you from offering yourself humbly and willingly as God's servant like Mary does in this passage? What from her example encourages you to submit to the will of God?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Machen, J. Gresham. *The Virgin Birth of Christ*. Solid Ground Christian Books, 2011.

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy*. HarperOne, 2009.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would grow our faith this Christmas.

Praise the God who can do the impossible.

Pray for our Christmas Eve services to glorify God.

Pray for open doors to share the good news of Jesus this Christmas.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

| Date | O.T. | Psalms | Gospels | N.T. |
|-------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 12/20 | Jonah 1-4 | Psalm 145:1-7 | John 18:25-32 | Revelation 17:1-6 |
| 12/21 | Micah 1-4 | Psalm 145:8-14 | John 18:32-40 | Revelation 17:7-18 |
| 12/22 | Micah 5-7 | Psalm 145:15-21 | John 19:1-16 | Revelation 18:1-13 |
| 12/23 | Nahum 1-3 | Psalm 146 | John 19:17-27 | Revelation 18:14-24 |
| 12/24 | Habakkuk 1-3 | Psalm 147:1-6 | John 19:28-37 | Revelation 19:1-10 |
| 12/25 | Zephaniah 1-3 | Psalm 147:7-11 | John 19:38-42 | Revelation 19:11-21 |