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ANGELS COME TO MARY AND JOSEPH

Series: Christmas 2019

References: Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

Today's Theme Verse: 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. *(Luke 1:34-35)*

Theme: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior

Objectives:

1. The children will know that Jesus is the Son of God.
 2. The children will learn that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin.
 3. The children will understand that Jesus is the Savior.
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Introduction: We are setting aside some time to think about some of the heroes of the faith we read about in the Bible. As we look at these heroes we want to see that what makes them heroes is that they trusted in the Lord and they pointed us to Jesus; the greatest of all heroes. Today we are thinking about Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary is a hero (*heroine if you like*), because she believed the promise of God and submitted to His plan for her life. And she became the mother of the Son of God.

We are looking at the story of the announcement that the Messiah will be born. Angels, messengers from the Lord, appeared to Mary and Joseph. First, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she would conceive a child in her womb and bear a son. She was to call her son Jesus. The angel said He “will be called the Son of the Most High.” Jesus is the Son of God. “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” (*Luke 1:34-35*). Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. “And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” (*Luke 1:38*). Later, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel told Joseph to marry Mary. And he said, “that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (*Matthew 1:20-21*). Jesus is the Savior. Indeed, Jesus lived a sinless life and then He died on the cross to pay the penalty for sinners like you and me. Three days later God raised Jesus from the dead. Everyone who puts their faith in Jesus and repents is forgiven and receives the free gift of eternal life. When Joseph woke up from his dream he did as the angel commanded and he married Mary.

Lesson:

I. The Angel’s Arrival (*Luke 1:26-30*)

The angel Gabriel appeared to the virgin Mary in Nazareth. It had been six months since an angel appeared to a priest named Zechariah in the temple. The angel told Zechariah that, in their old age, he and his barren wife Elizabeth would have a son, and he would be a mighty prophet. His name would be John. He would be John the Baptist (*Luke 1:5-25*). Now, six months later, Gabriel greeted Mary and told her that she was favored and that the Lord was with her. Mary was greatly troubled. She could not understand why an angel had appeared to her. Gabriel told Mary to not be afraid because she had found favor with God.

II. The Angel’s Announcement (*Luke 1:31-33*)

The angel Gabriel announced to Mary, “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son” and that she was to “call his name Jesus.” About this son, Gabriel said four things: 1. “He will be great.” Truly, Jesus is the greatest man who ever lived. 2. “He... will be called the Son of the Most High.” Jesus is the Son of God. 3. “the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.” Jesus is the Son of David. He is the Messiah. And 4, “he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords.

III. The Angel’s Answer (*Luke 1:34-37*)

Mary asked Gabriel “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” You see, virgin’s don’t conceive and bear children. Mary was a virgin. Every child ever conceived has been the result of a relationship between a man and a woman; a mother and a father. But Mary had not had the kind of relationship with a man that can result in a child being conceived in her womb. Mary was a virgin. So, Mary asked the angel, “How will this be...?” How can a virgin have a son? Gabriel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...” This very special child was to be conceived in the womb of the virgin by the

power of God. It would be a miracle. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. The Holy Spirit would come upon Mary and the power of the Most High would overshadow her. This would result in the birth of a child that would be called holy. In fact, because Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin, He was the only holy child ever born. All other children are and were born sinners. This would be the work of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit, the Most High, and the Son of God. There is only one God. But the one true God eternally exists in three Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Gabriel finished his answer with an announcement that Mary's older relative, Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah had miraculously conceived a son in their old age. Their son would be John the Baptist. This was another miracle. "For nothing will be impossible with God."

IV. The Angel's Absence (*Luke 1:38*)

Mary submitted herself to the plan of God. She said, "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." Let's be quick to submit our hearts and our lives to the plan of God for us. We find God's plan for us in His Word, The Bible. Then the angel left Mary. His mission was accomplished. In the angel's absence, Mary hurried off to see her relative Elizabeth.

V. Elizabeth's Greeting (*Luke 1:39-45*)

When Mary arrived at the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Elizabeth greeted her. And when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, her baby (*remember Elizabeth was pregnant with John the Baptist*) ...her "baby leaped in her womb." "And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." God's Spirit came on her in a special way "and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth knew that Mary was blessed by God. And even more, she knew that Mary was pregnant and her Baby, the fruit of her womb, was blessed. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. Mary was blessed because she was the mother of the Lord Jesus. And Jesus was blessed because He is Lord! Jesus is the Son of God. Elizabeth wondered out loud, "And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Elizabeth knew by the power of the Holy Spirit that Mary was pregnant and that her baby was the Lord, the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior. Jesus is the Savior. And Elizabeth said that Mary was blessed having believed that God would do the amazing thing that He had promised.

VI. Mary's Song (*Luke 1:46-56*)

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

VII. Joseph's Dilemma (*Matthew 1:18-29*)

Now Mary was betrothed to a man in Nazareth named Joseph. Betrothal is another way of saying that a couple is engaged to be married. But during the days of Joseph and Mary a betrothal could not be broken without a legal divorce. Mary had gone to see her relative Elizabeth and she stayed there for three months. After she returned to Nazareth people began to notice that Mary was pregnant. But Mary had not had the kind of relationship with a man that can result in a child being conceived in her womb. Mary was a virgin. Mary and Joseph were betrothed but this was "before they came together." The child in Mary's womb was "from the Holy

Spirit.” Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. But Joseph did not know that the child in Mary’s womb was from the Holy Spirit. He only knew that he was not the father of the child. He could only think that Mary had been unfaithful. So he decided to divorce Mary quietly. Joseph made his decision as a just man. He loved Mary, but he couldn’t marry Mary if she had been unfaithful, so he decided to divorce Mary quietly. He made this decision looking at things as he could see them. But, Joseph could not see the truth. He did not know that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin.

VIII. Joseph’s Dream (*Matthew 1:20-24*)

While these things were on Joseph’s mind, he had a dream. It was no ordinary dream. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in the dream. The angel told Joseph “do not fear to take Mary as your wife.” Go ahead and marry Mary. Joseph might have thought, but Mary has been unfaithful, but the angel immediately told him Mary had not been unfaithful; “that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” Mary was pregnant with the Son of God. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. The angel went on to tell Joseph that Mary would have a son and that he would call Him Jesus. The name Jesus is from the Greek *Iēsous*. In Hebrew it is Joshua (*Yeshua*). It mean Yahweh Saves, or Yahweh our Savior. Joseph was to call Him Jesus, Yahweh our Savior, because, “he will save his people from their sins.” Jesus is the Savior. Jesus lived a sinless life, and then He died on the cross in the place of sinners like you and me. Jesus took the blame for sin and God punished Jesus in the place of sinners. On the third day God raised Jesus from the dead. Everyone who has faith in Jesus and repents of their sin is forgiven of their sin and they receive the gift of eternal life. They are saved. Jesus is the Savior. Finally, the angel told Joseph that “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).” It was there in the book of Isaiah (*Isaiah 7:14*). A virgin would conceive and bear a son. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. And Isaiah said, “they shall call his name Immanuel.” Matthew tells us that ‘Immanuel’ “means, God with us.” Jesus is Immanuel; God with us. Jesus is the Son of God.

Joseph’s Decision (*Matthew 1:24-25*)

Joseph obeyed the Lord and he married Mary. But Joseph did not have the kind of relationship with Mary that can result in a child being conceived in her womb “until she had given birth to a son.” Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin. Jesus was born of a virgin. Then Joseph “called his name Jesus.” Yahweh our Savior. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the Savior.

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