

God Introduces His Son

Luke 03

Luke 1:26 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. (30) But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. (31) You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

Incarnation - The creator is about to take on flesh & become one of us

God is about to step onto the stage of human life - the creator will become one of us.

Heb 2:14-17 ESV Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 **For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.** 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

- He would come through a virgin - (**A miraculous beginning**)
- He would grow up in Nazareth - (**the town of the despised**)
 - Despised and rejected of men - a man of sorrow - acquainted with grief
 - Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

God sent the angel Gabriel - The role of angels

- Gave direction to Joseph in dreams (at least 3 times)
- Ministered to Jesus in the wilderness and in Gethsemane
- Gave direction to Zechariah regarding John the Baptist
- Gave direction to Mary - about Jesus and virgin birth
- Appeared at the birth of Christ
- Rejoice at the salvation of one sinner
- Stirred the waters in the pool
- Set apostles free from prison

- Sent Philip to the Ethiopian
- Directed Cornelius to send for Peter
- Struck Herod down
- Told Paul he would be safe in the storm at sea
- Rolled away the stone at the tomb of Jesus
- Were with Jesus at the time of His ascension to heaven
- They carried Lazarus to Abraham's bosom
- Entertain strangers - some have entertained angels unawares

How would you write an introduction to Jesus?

If you were given the opportunity to introduce Jesus in just a few sentences: What would you say? What would you leave out, what would you include? Let's see how God did it.

Luke 1:31 You will **conceive and give birth** to a son, and you are to **call him Jesus**. (32) He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. The Lord God will give him **the throne of his father David**, (33) and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." (34) "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" (35) The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So **the holy one** to be born will be called the Son of God. (36) Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **(37) For no word from God will ever fail.**" **(NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD)**

1) HE WAS BORN OF A VIRGIN (Luke 1:31, 34 and 35)

- You will conceive and give birth to a son
- How will this be since I am a virgin?
- The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
 - **Come upon** - same word used when the Holy Spirit came upon them on the day of Pentecost
- The power of the Most High will overshadow you
 - **Overshadow** - same word is used when on the mountain of transfiguration and a bright cloud “overshadowed them” - or when people brought the sick into the streets with the hope that Peter’s shadow might “Overshadow” them

Why the virgin birth?

The Human Race Could Not Produce It’s Own Redeemer

- **All mankind was in Adam** - the seed of Adam gave birth to every human
 - The human race COULD NOT PRODUCE ITS OWN REDEEMER
 - Acts 17:6 from one man he made every nation
- **Sin passes on through the seed of man**
 - Rom 5:12 KJV Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- **Jesus was not from the Seed of Adam** - He was born (NOT OF ADAM) but born of the HOLY Spirit - That HOLY ONE will be called the Son of God
 - 1Co 15:22 KJV For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
- **He is free of Adam’s sin** - and as such He is the only human who could claim to be without sin (Heb 4:15 - tempted in all ways like us but without sin)
 - and because of that HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DIE IN OUR PLACE

We needed a Mediator

The Daysman

Job 9:32-35 NIV "He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court. (33) **KJV (33) Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both.** If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together, (34) someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more. (35) Then I would speak up without fear of him, but as it now stands with me, I cannot.

One mediator

1Ti 2:5 ESV For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

2) His name is Jesus

Mat 1:18-23 NIV This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**" (which means "**God with us**").

- Jesus = Jehovah Saves
- He is God WITH US - HE has taken the initiative - HE CAME DOWN
- HE Saves us from our SIN - not just FORGIVE US - BUT LIBERATE US

Php 2:8-11 KJV And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

- Have you confessed Jesus Christ as LORD
- Are you living out that commitment today?

All the work and ministry we do today is IN HIS NAME

Mar 16:15-20 NIrV He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone. 16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who does not believe will be punished. 17 Here are the miraculous signs that those who believe will do. **In my name they will** drive out demons. They will speak in languages they had not known before. 18 They will pick up snakes with their hands. And when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all. They will place their hands on sick people. And the people will get well." 19 When the Lord Jesus finished speaking to them, he was taken up into heaven. He sat down at the right hand of God. 20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them. And he backed up his word by the signs that went with it.]

3) He will be great

God's grace while we wait for the glory of our great God

Titus 2:11-14 NIV For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. (12) It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, (13) while we wait for the blessed hope--the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, (14) who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Hold firmly to our faith

Hebrews 4:14 NIV Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Draw near

Hebrews 10:21-22 NIV and since we have a great priest over the house of God, (22) let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Great shepherd

Hebrews 13:20 KJV Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

4) He will be called the Son of the Most High / The Son of

God - The HOLY ONE

The Son of the Most High / Son of God

- A) establishes His authority and rule

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Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 8:27-32 NIV ...(28) When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" (29) For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Luke 4:41 NIV Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

- Why is it that demons recognize and fear this HOLY ONE, yet some regard him as little more than a religious figure, great teacher or a great leader?
- May God move upon our hearts to honor him as the HOLY, Son of the Most High God...

He is a King

- The throne of his father David
- Reign over Jacob's descendants forever
- His kingdom will never end

Have I surrendered to his Kingship?

Luk 6:46 ESV "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

Mat 6:10 ESV Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

He came to a town with a bad reputation

"Matt 2:22-23 ...and being warned by God in a dream, he [Joseph] departed for the regions of Galilee, and came and resided in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He shall be called a Nazarene,'"

John 1:46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

Can anything good come out of Nazareth - you be the judge

Acts 24:5 NIV "We have found this man to be a troublemaker, stirring up riots among the Jews all over the world. He is a ringleader of the Nazarene sect

John 1:45-46 NIV Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." (46) "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

John 19:19 NIV Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Acts 3:6 NIV Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Acts 4:10 NIV then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

CLOSING

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- **Zachariah lost his ability to speak for 9 months because he did not believe the message**
- **Jesus said, Not one jot or tittle will fail - all will be fulfilled**
- **Love for God's word - faith to believe what it says is true - commitment to live it out**