

A Baby Changes Everything

Luke 1:31-38, Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus enters the ordinary lives of ordinary people and the results are extraordinary!

...You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.

—Luke 1:31-33

Mary asked the angel, “How can this be, since I have not been intimate with a man?”

The angel replied to her: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God.

—Luke 1:34-35

And consider your relative Elizabeth—even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

—Luke 1:36-37

The promises of God always come with an element of impossibility which requires us to be dependent upon Him to see them fulfilled.

“I am the Lord’s slave,” said Mary. “May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel left her.

—Luke 1:38

When it comes to birthing the miraculous,
God is looking for yielded vessels to carry
His promises no matter the cost.

The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way:
After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.

—Matthew 1:18-19

But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

—Matthew 1:20-21

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated “God is with us.”

—Matthew 1:22-23

When Joseph got up from sleeping, he did as the Lord's angel had commanded him. He married her but did not know her intimately until she gave birth to a son. And he named Him Jesus.

—Matthew 1:24-25

We protect God's promises in our lives
when we love mercy, act justly and
walk humbly with God.*

*Micah 6:8

“She who has believed is blessed because what was spoken to her by the Lord will be fulfilled!”

—LUKE 1:45