

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: I'm Having A Baby Too!

**Passage: Luke 1:26-56 (ESV)**

Illustration:

Need: Mary reminds us that God uses ordinary, surrendered people in the accomplishment of His extraordinary work.

**I. Honor in Obscurity (1:26-29)**

- Nazareth was an insignificant village in southwest Galilee of poor repute. (John 1:46)
- Mary was a poor, young, insignificant Nazarene officially promised to a poor carpenter named Joseph.
- Luke intentionally revealed Joseph to be a descendant of King David.
- God's favor (grace) on Mary was of God's choosing not due to anything she had done to deserve it.

**II. Blessing with a Burden (1:30-37)**

- Gabriel's message to Mary, like Zechariah, concerned the miraculous birth of a promised child.
- Unlike Zechariah & Elizabeth, Mary's child would be born apart from an earthly father (virgin birth).
- Jesus was a common name akin to the OT Joshua meaning "Yahweh Saves!"
- Jesus will fulfill the promise made to King David (**2 Sam. 7:16**) - house, kingdom, throne.
- Mary's confusion was honest but unlike Zechariah, hers was not unbelief.
- In the incarnation God the Son becomes man, the God-man, fully human & fully divine (OC essential #3).
- The Trinity is seen here each fulfilling His unique role in God's redemptive plan.

**III. Surrender before Celebration (1:38-56)**

- Bewildered Mary surrendered completely to God's divine will and supreme purpose.
- Elizabeth and her unborn son begin the celebration and confirmation of God's revelation.
- Mary continues with a worship celebration similar to that of Moses in Exodus 15.
- Mary sees herself through the lens of God's sovereign working as a blessed vessel.

**IV. Take Aways for Today**

- God's grace comes to us of His own choosing, motivated by His love.
- No one is insignificant from God's perspective. His desire to use you is not about what you have to offer.
- The more surrendered to God we are, the more subject to misunderstanding, disdain, and ridicule we become.
- Surrendered servants can thankfully worship and celebrate who God is and what He is still doing!