THE BIRTH OF JESUS FORETOLD

Luke 1:26–38  
Key Verses: 1:30–31

1. What is the time and place (26)? To whom does God send the angel Gabriel (27)? What is the significance that Joseph is “of the house of David”? What does it mean in their culture to be “betrothed”? How is Mary described in this verse, and what does this imply (27; cf. 1:48a,52b)?
2. How does the angel begin (28)? What do the words “Greetings” and “favored” mean? Why is Mary “greatly troubled” (29)? How does the angel reassure her (30)? What is God’s special favor to Mary (31)? What can we learn here about finding favor with God?
3. What else does the angel tell Mary about the son she will bear, and how would this fulfill God’s promises (32–33; 2Sa7:12–13; Isa9:7; Da7:14)?
4. What does Mary ask and why (34)? How does the angel explain, what does this tell us about Jesus, and why is this so important (35)? What else does the angel say to encourage Mary (36–37)? Why do we all need reminding of this truth about God?
5. How does Mary respond, and what does she mean (38)? What spiritual lessons can we learn from her?