

“Mary, the First Disciple”

Sermon Notes

- **This Advent season, let's not make evangelism any more complicated than it has to be**

**Like Mary...*

1. _____ the good news of the coming King (vv.26-38)

2. _____ the good news of the coming King (vv.39-56)

Next Week: Luke 1:57-80 - “His Name is John”

Community Group Study Guide
For the Week of December 11th - 17th

Please read Luke 1:26-56.

1. Compare the announcement of the coming birth of John (Luke 1:13-17) with the announcement of the coming birth of Jesus (Luke 1:30-33).

- a. How will each be great?
- b. Who gives the child his name?
- c. Who will John resemble? (Luke 1:17)
- d. Who will Jesus resemble? (Luke 1:31; Colossians 1:15).

2. Now compare each with the announcement of the coming birth of Ishmael (Genesis 16:11-15), and Isaac (Genesis 17:19).

- a. Who was the child of the flesh?
- b. Who was the child of promise? (See Gal 4:23)
- c. Do you think a parallel is intended? (See Luke 7:28)

3. Gabriel refers to Jesus as the Son of the Most High (Luke 1:32), the Son of God (Luke 1:35).

- a. Have others been referred to as sons of God? (See Genesis 6:2-4; Exodus 4:22-23; Job 1:6; Matthew 5:9; Luke 3:38)
- b. Have others been referred to as sons of the Most High? (See Deuteronomy 32:8; Psalm 82:6; Luke 6:35)
- c. Could any of these other “sons” be said to have been begotten of God? (See Psalm 2:7; Acts 13:33)

4. Gabriel promises that Jesus will reign forever on the throne of David (Luke 1:32-33).
 - a. Does this represent the fulfillment of God's covenant with David? (See 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 2:1-9; Psalm 45:6-7; Psalm 110)
 - b. Elizabeth refers to Mary as the mother of her Lord in Luke 1:46. Does this mean that she recognizes Jesus as the Messiah?
 - c. In Luke 1, who else is referred to as "Lord"?
 - d. Do you think that Elizabeth recognized that Mary's child was divine? Or is this a foreshadowing by Luke of what he is going to reveal in his gospel?

5. Mary is troubled by Gabriel's message that she will conceive and understands that Joseph will not be the child's natural father (See Luke 1:29, 34).
 - a. Has the angel said something that would make her think that her conception would not come in the usual way, or was to take place immediately?
 - b. How would the birth of Christ compare with the birth of John if it were not miraculous?
 - c. Why does Mary's question not provoke a rebuke as seen in Luke 1:19-23?