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- <sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee,
- <sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

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- <sup>28</sup> Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favoured woman! The Lord is with you!"
- <sup>29</sup> Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.
- <sup>30</sup> "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favour with God! <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus."

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- <sup>32</sup> He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"
- <sup>34</sup> Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

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- <sup>35</sup> The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.

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- **37** For the word of God will never fail."
- **38** Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.



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### 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

- <sup>27</sup> Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. <sup>28</sup> God chose things despised by the world, <sup>[a]</sup> things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. <sup>29</sup> As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God

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Gen 49:10 NLT

- <sup>10</sup> The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from his descendants, until the coming of the one to whom it belongs, the one whom all nations will honour.



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### Luke 1:11-12

- <sup>11</sup> While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. <sup>12</sup> Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him.

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## Zechariah in the Temple

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### Isaiah 7:14

- **14** Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.



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### CONCLUSION

- God favours the humble
- God is faithful to his promise