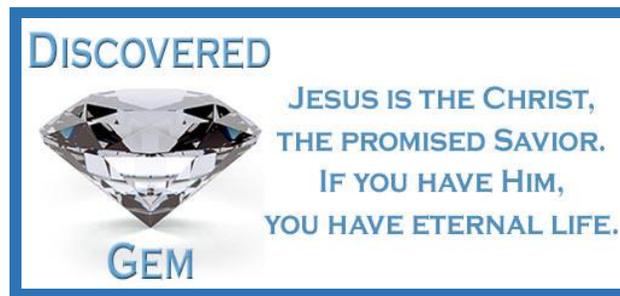


WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016-2017

THEME: CREATION AND SALVATION

UNIT ONE – THE SAVIOUR IS BORN

“THE KING IS COMING...CHRIST THE LORD!”



Lesson I – Sunday, December 4, 2016

Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III, Pastor-Teacher

Lesson Text: Luke 1:26-38

Required Reading: Luke 1:26-45

Motto Text: Luke 1:31, “*And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*”

Reliable Resources: Logos Bible Software; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living UMI; Standard Commentary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; H. L. Willmington’s Outline Bible; Life Application Bible (NIV)

Introduction

Beloved, as we engage in the first lesson for this month and quarter, we will examine highlights from Luke’s revealing of the coming of the King. As was once asked, “*Who is this King of glory?*” Beloved, He is the Lord Jesus Christ come to dwell among us; He is the King of Glory!

When birth announcements are made, they usually follow the actual birth of the baby, but God announced His coming Son many, many years before His conception. That is surely amazing but above all, He described unusual details, and so I call this lesson, “*THE KING IS COMING...CHRIST THE LORD!*” Let us visit the humble home of Mary as she receives a long-distance message from God’s holy angel Gabriel. This message has been hundreds and hundreds of years in the making, and now “*in the fullness of time*” it is ready to come to pass. *The King is Coming...Christ the Lord!*

“Even before God created heaven and the earth, His plan of salvation was in place. In eternity past, that plan was established and sure – so much so that in Revelation the Apostle John described Jesus as the “Lamb slain from the foundation of the world’ (13:8), and the Apostle Paul could speak of believers being chosen in Christ “before the foundation of the world” (Eph. 1:4). God’s plan to redeem His fallen creatures, however, was worked out before human history...” Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator

Let us view our **Anticipated Power Points** for this week as listed by Dr. H. L. Willmington in his Outline Bible:

- **“The Messenger. Luke 1:26**
- **The Message. Luke 1:27-33**
- **The Mystery. Luke 1:34**
- **The Method. Luke 1:35**
- **The Miracle. Luke 1:36-38”**

LESSON EXPOSITION

Mary is the virgin young lady introduced to us, who would become the Mother of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He is God’s Son and our King! The prophet Isaiah declared that “*a virgin shall conceive, and bare a son...*” (Isaiah 7:14). Luke tells us in the sixth month Mary received a visitor from God named Gabriel. This was the sixth month in the life of Elizabeth, who earlier had conceived John who would be known as the forerunner of Jesus Christ. (Read Luke 1:13, 24-25).

I. The Messenger (Gabriel). Luke 1:26

He is God’s messenger angel who we first met in Daniel 8:15-17 and most recently in Luke 1:19, now dispatched to the Virgin Mary’s home to bring an unusual message: she would be the virgin mother of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

II. The Message (to Mary). Luke 1:27-33

Gabriel was dispatched to a small home in Nazareth where he came to inform Mary of the house of David, that was espoused (or engaged) but not yet married to a man of David's house whose name was Joseph. "The Jewish law held espousal or engagement to be as binding as married." This relationship gave no privilege of sexual relations. Gabriel's message declared Mary as highly favored of God among women, not because of her virginity alone, because there were undoubtedly many virgins in the land, but because she met the entire divine expectations of God. Thank God for His comforting words of assurance. Verses 29-30 gave Mary the assurance not to fear. Mary was a woman of faith and needed more clarification as she trusted the angel's message from God:

A. **She was confused over the angel's salutation in vs. 29-30. (You don't meet an angel every day!)**

B. **She was confirmed as the mother of the Messiah, Saviour sent from God. vs. 31-33**

vs. 31 – Assures her conception of the Christ Child!

vs. 32 – Describes the majesty, dominion and power of the awesome King and Saviour!

vs. 33 – Describes the perpetuity of the King's kingdom whom she would bare.

III. The Mystery (of Conception). Luke 1:34

Mary was perplexed at how this could be or happen, because she confirms the words of verse 27; she was a virgin who had never had any sexual contact with a man! To conceive a child would be impossible physically, but God had an acceptable plan, the virgin birth. vs. 37

IV. The Method (of the King's Conception). Luke 1:35

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee" says verse 35. All that would transpire would be fully of God's doing. Matthew 1:18 tells us, *"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."* Beloved, God's method needs no help, only faith and absolute obedience! He is totally trustworthy!

V. The Miracle (of her Faith). Luke 1:36-38

Gabriel informs Mary that her formerly barren cousin was now six months pregnant. God had miraculously opened her womb and she and her husband were expecting a new baby boy who would be named John. Luke 1:13, *"But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John."* But another miracle occurs here as we notice Mary's faith. She was not a seasoned citizen as the Priest Zacharias, and he failed the faith test with God. Look at Luke 1:18-20, *"And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season."* Faith doesn't operate according to one's age, but according to one's trust in the Lord! Mary turns to the angel and utters some of the most miraculous words in the scriptures, *"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."* Luke 1:38. Mary was willing to risk it all, even the loss of her reputation, marriage and life, to be obedient to the will of God in her life!

Beloved, would that God would find such faith in me and others as in Mary. This act is truly a miracle, and God honored it in her life. Truly she was blessed among women and faithful to stand on the promises of God. Because of her willingness, she brought forth her firstborn Son who is the great Messiah and King of Glory, Jesus Christ! ***The King is Coming!***

CLOSING

Beloved, Mary's faithful and willing obedience brought forth God's Son the King, Messiah Jesus Christ. But how can you and I be counted faithful in the service of the Lord? God wants us to tell this dying world, **"The King is Coming a Second Time."** Are you willing to be vulnerable and declare the second coming of the King? I Thessalonians 4:16-18, *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."*

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