

A Young Woman's Faith  
The Annunciation  
Luke 1: 26-38

Introduction.

- A. Luke, the only Gentile writer of the NT.
- B. Written during the time Paul was imprisoned in Caesarea or Rome.

I. Gabriel – the messenger from God (26-28).

- A. An “angel of the presence.”
  - 1. Appeared to Zechariah (Lk. 1:5ff.).
  - 2. Appeared to Daniel.
    - a. To explain the vision (Dan. 8:16).
    - b. To predict the 70 weeks (Dan. 9:21).
- B. Mary.
  - 1. A virgin (probably about 15 years old).
  - 2. Pledged to be married.
    - a. To Joseph, a carpenter.
    - b. A betrothal could only be broken by a divorce.
  - 3. Highly favored (cf. Ruth 3:11).

II. The message (29-33).

- A. Mary troubled but reassured.
  - 1. Will conceive.
  - 2. Will bear a son.
- B. Jesus (Yeshua = to save).
  - 1. Son of the Most High.
  - 2. David's throne forever.
  - 3. Fulfilling 2 Sam. 7:12-16 and Is. 9:6.

III. Question and Response (34-37).

- A. Mary knew the “facts of life.”
- B. She would conceive by the Holy Spirit.
  - 1. Overshadowed (cf. Gen 1:2).
  - 2. Emphasized the child will be the Son of God.
- C. Confirmatory sign – Elizabeth's pregnancy.
- D. God's word never fails.

IV. Mary's submission (38).

- A. I am the Lord's servant (Rom 12:1).
- B. May the word of the Lord be fulfilled.
  - 1. She must surely have known the social consequences.
  - 2. She fixed her heart on God's promise.

V. Reflection.

- A. It's ok to ask clarifying questions (cf. Gideon).
- B. God uses ordinary people, whose hearts are his.
- C. Once we know the Lord's will:
  - 1. We must follow it (John 13:17).
  - 2. Be like Mary, not like Jonah.