

## LESSON 2

# INFANCY NARRATIVES OF JOHN & JESUS FROM LUKE'S GOSPEL

### B. THE BEGINNINGS: INFANCY OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER AND JESUS THROUGH THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS AT THE JERUSALEM TEMPLE: Luke 1:5—2:39

#### THE ANGEL GABRIEL COMES TO MARY

Luke 1:26-38

**26** In the sixth month God sent the angel **Gabriel** to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, **27** to a virgin (Gk.: *parthenos*; Heb.: *almah* – Isaiah 7:14; cp. Genesis 24:43, not *bethulah* – Genesis 24:16) engaged to a man by the name of **Joseph**, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was **Mary** (Heb. = Miriam).

**28** When the angel entered her home, he said, “*Greetings/Rejoice, you who are greatly favored/blessed.* “The Lord is with you.” **Quote Just, Jr. Luke 1:1—9:5. p. 67.**

**29** She was startled by what he said and tried to figure out what such a greeting might mean.

**30** The angel told her, “Stop being afraid, Mary. You have found **favor** with God. (Lenski: “she has been shown grace by God.”) **31** You see: You will conceive and give birth to a **Son**, and you will name Him **JESUS**. **32** He will be great and will be called the **Son** of the **Most High**, and the **Lord God** will give Him the throne of **His** ancestor David. **33** **He** will be **King** over the people of Jacob forever, and His **Kingdom** will never end.”

(See John 12:34; Daniel 2:44.)

**34** Mary asked the angel, “How can this be? I have had no relations [sexual relations] with a man.”

**35** The angel answered her, “The **Holy Spirit** will come over you, and the power of the **Most High** will overshadow you. And for that reason the **Holy Being** (neuter gender; think: from/of another world) being born (Gk.: present participle) of you will be called the **Son of God**. (**Incarnation [in carnis]** = most difficult miracle of ALL time – see 1 Timothy 3:16. Nicene Creed: “was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man.” Dr. Just: Mary’s womb becomes “the flesh-and-blood home” of the incarnate Son of God.)

**36** “Also consider the fact that even Elizabeth, your relative, has conceived a son in her old age. People call her childless, but she is now in her sixth month. **37** There is nothing that God will not be able to do.”

**38** “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. (Cp. 1 Samuel 1:11 [LXX] - Hannah.) “Let it happen to me as you said.” **Quote Just, Jr. Luke 1:1—9:5, p. 62.**

Then the angel left her.

**VIEW THE SIGNIFICANT CHIASM/STEP PARALLELISM OF VERSES 26-38b AS SPOTTED AND LAID OUT BY DR. ARTHUR JUST IN HIS CPH COMMENTARY ON LUKE 1:1—9:50 (p. 63) WITH EDITING!!!**

## MARY VISITS ELIZABETH; HER SONG

Luke 1: 39-56

**39** At this time Mary hurried away to the hill country to a town of Judah. **40** There she went into the home of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

**41** When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb. Then Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, **42** and she cried out in a loud voice, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Child who will come from your womb. **43** But how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord [*theotokos – B of C, F.C. twice*] comes to me?

**44** As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby leaped **with delight** in my womb (**recall 1:15b**). **45** And blessed is she who believed that the Lord will accomplish what He promised to do for her."

**46** Mary said:

"My soul magnifies (the *Magnificat*) the **Lord**,

**47** and my spirit delights in **God**, my **Savior**,

**48** because **He** has looked with favor on the **low estate** of **His** servant.

Yes, from now on—

throughout all generations—

people will call me blessed

**49** because **He** has done great things to me—

**He** who is mighty,

whose Name is holy,

**50** and **His** mercy from generation to generation is for those who fear **Him**.

**51** "Mighty are the deeds **He** has done with **His arm** (think: exodus from Egypt).

**He** has scattered those who think so arrogantly in their hearts;

**52** **He** has pulled down strong rulers from their thrones

and lifted up lowly people.

**53** Those who were hungry, **He** has filled with good things,

and the rich **He** has sent away empty-handed.

**54** **He** has come to help **His servant Israel**

in order to remember **His** mercy, **55** (as **He** promised our fathers),

the mercy **He** has for Abraham and his descendants forever)."

**56** Mary stayed ("abided") with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.