

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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Bible Study Schedule Dec 2021

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
12/1/2021	To Us a Child Is Born: Isaiah's Prophecy	Isaiah 9:1-7
12/8/2021	Nothing Is Impossible: Mary And The Angel	Luke 2:26 – 56
12/15/2021	In Search Of The King: The Magi Meet Jesus	Matthew 2:1-18
12/22/2021	Christmas Break	No Study
12/29/2021	Winter Break	No Study

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This Week's Lesson – December 8, 2021

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Lesson 2:

Nothing Is Impossible: Mary And The Angel

Luke 2:26 – 56

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Introduction To The Book Of Luke

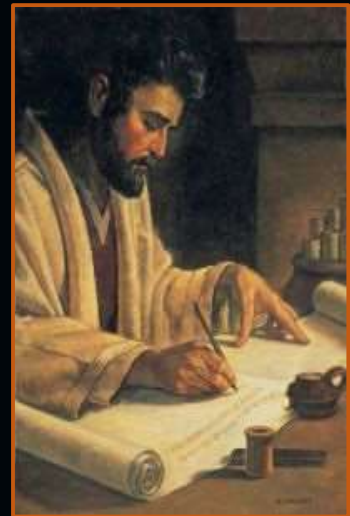
Author: Luke, a companion of the Apostle Paul, wrote the books of Luke and Acts (Luke 1:1–4 and Acts 1:1–3)

Date of Writing: Between A.D. 58 and 65.

Purpose of Writing: To provide an orderly account of the ministry of Jesus as the Lord and Savior of all.

Practical Application:

- Both Jews and Gentiles are united in the New Covenant of grace by faith in Christ.
- Jesus was not “turned off” by the poor, the needy or people of different races or social status.
- We must follow the example of Jesus and bring the good news of salvation poor and needy.



Luke – The Gentile Physician

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Overview of Luke 1:26 – 56



Gabriel Visit Mary With The News She Will Be The Mother Of Jesus



Mary Visits Elizabeth – Sharing The Joy Of Miracle Of John The Baptist & Jesus.



Mary Sings Her Song of Praise To The Lord "The Magnificat"

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Read Luke 1:26 – 38.

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Luke 1:26 – 30 (NKJV)

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

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30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

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Luke 2:31 – 34 (NKJV)

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

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Luke 2:35 – 38 (NKJV)

35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

37 For with God nothing will be impossible.”

38 Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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1. What words and phrases give you an idea of what this experience was like for Mary?

- **Startling Experience:** Gabriel in the Glory of God appear is more than enough to put us in awe and wonder (v. 26).
- **Troubling Experience:** Mary unsure of what the message from God initially meant to and for her (v.29).
- **Comforting Experience:** Despite fear, Mary is told to rejoice because of God’s presence, blessing and favor (vv. 28, 30)
- **Overwhelming Experience:** Mary (a virgin) was called to bring forth Jesus, God’s Son to fulfill OT prophecy and God’s Salvation plan (vv. 31 – 34).

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1. What words and phrases give you an idea of what this experience was like for Mary?

- **Exciting/Trusting Experience:** Gabriel promises God's power and promise toward Mary – even showing her an example: Elizabeth.
- **Humbling Experience:** Mary is humbled and honored by God's favor to choose her and submits her life to His Will.

"I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:1, 8 (NKJV)

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2. Why did God chose Mary to give birth to Jesus (vv. 28, 30)?

- **Godly Preparation:** With all the other virgin girls in Galilee God could have used - He prepared Mary.
 - **Word:** Mary had a proper upbringing in OT Scriptures – and that they point to the coming Messiah.
 - **Worship:** God gave Mary's a Spirit of worship – that leads to obedience.
- **Gracious Justification:** Mary was prepared but Her "blessed" status was a gift bestowed by God.

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For we are... created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10)

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3. Sit with the word “favored” for a moment. What would it be like to hear God call you “highly favored”?

“Highly Favored” charitoō (khar-ee-to'-o), “Favor” charis (khar'-ece): grace, good will, loving-kindness, favor

Points to Ponder:

- While material things are included in God’s blessings the Bible give much fuller meaning to the word blessed.
- Blessed speaks of our inner state of well-being, the prosperity of our souls in Christ.
- Because of Christ’s work on the cross, we can now receive the full blessings of God through faith in Him.

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4. What specific information does the angel Gabriel give to Mary about the son she would bear (vv. 31-33, 35)?

- **Person:** She would have a Son – fully man (born of Mary) and fully God (Son of the Highest).
- **Purpose:** Jesus (Joshua in Heb.) “the Lord saves” gives the purpose of his coming—to be our Savior.
- **Power:** Jesus is the promised OT Messiah and King that the Jewish people were waiting for

“Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, ... both Lord and Christ.” Acts 2:36 (NKJV)

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5. Do you think Mary's question was an expression of doubt (v. 34)? Explain.

- **Clarification:** Mary's testimony before an angel of God that she is a virgin.
- **Information:** Mary believes what the angel says, but wants to know how such an event can occur.
- **Declaration:** Gabriel does not tell Mary specifically how she will conceive; he simply declares that God will do it!

Note: The Virgin Birth rests on the truth of the Scriptures and the awesome ability of God to do what He promises to do.

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Read Luke 1:39 – 45.

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Luke 1:39 – 42 (NKJV)

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah,

40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

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Luke 1:43 – 45 (NKJV)

43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

45 Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

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6. In what way would the information given by the Holy Spirit to Elizabeth encourage Mary and strengthen her faith?

- **Personal Demonstration:** Seeing the fulfillment of God's Word in Elizabeth 6-month pregnant in her old age.
- **Supernatural Confirmation:** The Elizabeth's baby leaping in her womb and her proclamation of Mary's Baby as Lord.
- **Joyful Anticipation:** Mary & Elizabeth have different workings by the same God and joyfully celebrate God's plans.

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"...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb 10:25 (NKJV)

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Read Luke 1:46 – 56.

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Luke 1:46 – 51 (NIV)

46 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

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Luke 1:52 – 56 (NIV)

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

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7. What aspects of God's character are mentioned in Mary's praise to God?

Mary's Description of God

- The Lord/Holy God: The One true and all – powerful God and Creator of the universe (vv. 47 - 49).
- The Savior: The God who saves from the penalty, power and ultimately the presence of sin (v. 47).
- Mighty/Great One: The God who is great and greatly to be praised for His mighty acts. (vv. 49, 51).
- Merciful/Faithful: He is mindful of knowing we need mercy – and can be trusted to keep His promises (vv. 50, 54 – 55).

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7. What aspects of God's character are mentioned in Mary's praise to God?

- Just/Sovereign: God is Righteous in all his ways – righting wrongs and blessing those who trust in Him (vv. 51 – 52).

"Great is our God My Saviour ...Awesome in all of your ways He gives his grace and strength All that is good and true Comes from the Lord Who makes all things new" (H. Walker/J.D. Bratton

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7. How does Mary describe herself in her poem to God?

Mary's Description of Herself in God

- **One Whom God Loved & Saved:** Mary sees herself as one who has experienced the Love and Salvation of God.
- **Priesthood of Praise:** Mary has been touched to her very soul as one set apart to give God praise.
- **Favored And Blessed:** Personal experience of God's favor and blessings – and has faith to trust Him for blessings in future.

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7. How does Mary describe herself in her poem to God?

- **His Servant:** Acknowledging she belongs to God freely and completely offers her life in service to Him.
- **Part Of God's Eternal Family:** She is in God's Holy Family – joining with the saints of old and the angels in praise.

Note: Mary sings to God the character discovered in the Word of God and learned in her personal experience.

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8. V.37 says, “Nothing is impossible with God.” In what area of your life do you need to embrace this teaching?

God will do the impossible, when for our Good IAW His will

Checklist For God’s Impossible:

- 1) **Do You Believe It?** As powerful as God is, God moves in response to your faith (Heb. 11:6).
- 2) **Are Your Motives Right?** God only does impossible things for the right reasons – our motives matter (Jam. 4:1-3)
- 3) **How Does it Align with God’s Will?** We are reminded that we need to pray according to his will (Matt.6:9-10).

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8. Verse 37 says, “Nothing is impossible with God.” In what area of your life do you need to embrace this teaching?

- 4) **Are You Willing to Trust God?** Trust is understanding by faith that He will do it at right time.

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” – 1 John 5:14-15

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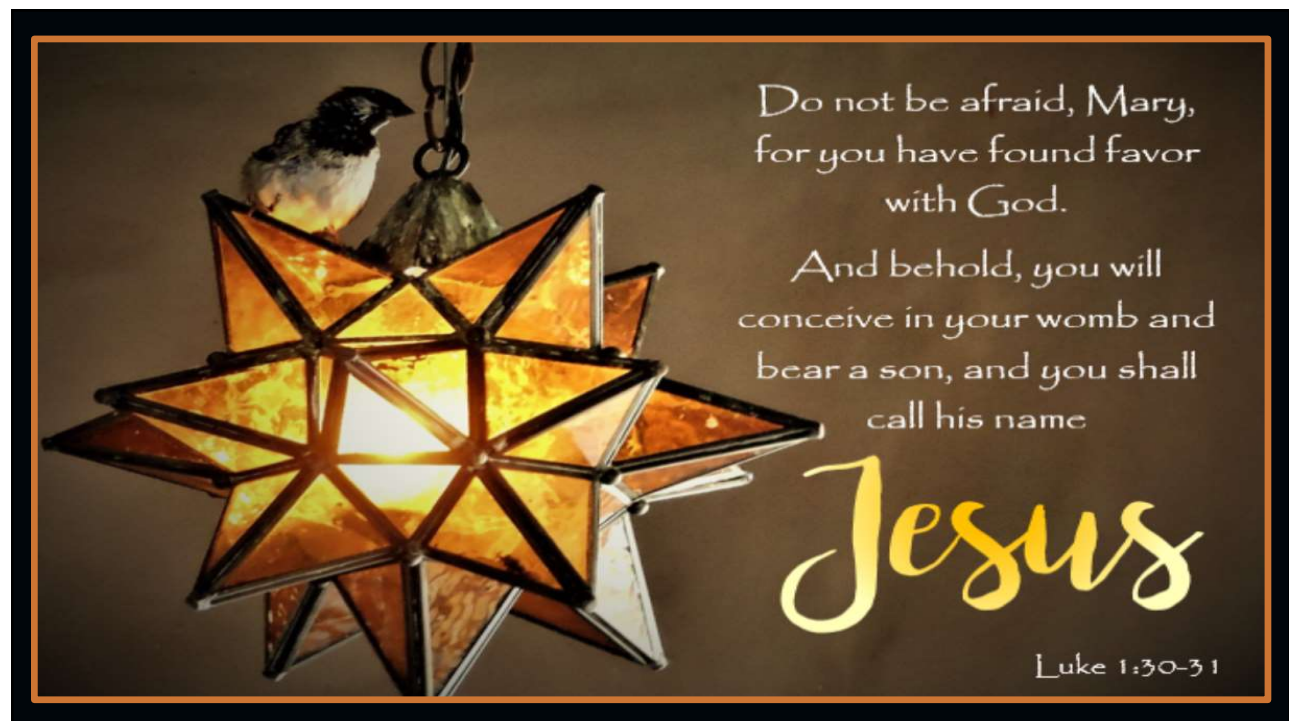
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Keys For Living

- God uses the most unlikely people to do the most amazing things for Him and for sake of the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- The more we study and internalize the Bible the better will know who God is and who we are in Him.
- As we put our faith and trust in Jesus for salvation, we can also believe that anything we need is possible with God.

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