



The
SEASON
of
WONDER

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR CELEBRATES
THE MOST WONDERFUL MOMENT IN TIME



²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

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

³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son,

LUKE 1:26-38 NIV

and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.“

³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

LUKE 1:26-38 NIV

³⁵The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God”.
³⁸“I am the Lord's servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

LUKE 1:26-38 NIV

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LUKE 1:29

✦ Mary's plans were about to change
LUKE 1:31-33

THE WONDER OF MARY WAS THAT
SHE MADE HERSELF AVAILABLE



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“May your word to me be fulfilled.”

LUKE 1:38A NIV

A hand is raised in prayer, palm facing forward, against a blurred background of a crowd. The hand is wearing a red sleeve. The background is filled with soft, out-of-focus lights and several white starburst graphics of varying sizes are scattered across the scene.

**THE MARK OF
A SERVANT
OF GOD IS
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THEMSELVES
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TO GOD'S
PURPOSES
EVEN AT
GREAT COST**

+ **THE ANGEL REVEALS TWO THINGS THAT
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COURAGE TO BE AVAILABLE**



THE ANGEL REVEALS TWO THINGS THAT STRENGTHENS
MARY AND GIVES HER THE COURAGE TO BE AVAILABLE

- ◆ Mary learned of
God's providence.





**PROVIDENCE IS SIMPLY GOD
GUIDING HISTORY TOWARDS
HIS INTENDED GOALS**

¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14 NIV

¹⁶“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

2 SAMUEL 7:16 NIV

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

GALATIANS 4:4-5 NIV

THE ANGEL REVEALS TWO THINGS THAT STRENGTHENS
MARY AND GIVES HER THE COURAGE TO BE AVAILABLE

- ◆ Mary was assured
of God's power.



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High will overshadow you. So the holy one to
be born will be called the Son of God.”


LUKE 1:34-35 NIV

³⁶“Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.
³⁷For nothing is impossible with God.”

LUKE 1:36-37 NIV

**FOR SOME OF US, THE ONLY THING THAT IS
STANDING IN THE WAY OF OUR AVAILABILITY
IS A PERCEIVED IMPOSSIBILITY**





OUR PRAYER SHOULD BE
“LORD, ANYTIME, ANYTHING,
ANYWHERE. I AM YOUR SERVANT.”