

Advent Sunday #2
Luke 1:26–38

Setting and Characters (1:26–27)

“It seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus.” (Luke 1:3)

“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46)

Conversational Exchange #1 (1:28–29)

“And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.” (Luke 1:12)

Conversational Exchange #2 (1:30–34)

“You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

“And Zechariah said to the angel, ‘How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.’” (Luke 1:18)

Conversational Exchange #3 (1:35–38)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” (Acts 1:8)

“A cloud came and overshadowed them...And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!’” (Luke 9:34–35)

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

“I believe...in Jesus Christ...who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary.” (The Apostles’ Creed)

“Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph.” (Luke 3:23)

“I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John.” (Luke 7:28)

Notes

Discuss

- Has God ever sovereignly brought a change of circumstances (good or bad) into your life, and how did that experience affect you?
- How is Mary an example of how you can honor God in your current circumstances?
- What is something that Gabriel says about Jesus that is encouraging to you, and why?
- Are there promises that God has made that you find difficult to believe? If so, what are they, and how does Luke 1:26–38 address your doubts?

Read

2 Samuel 7:8–16; Matthew 1:18–25; John 1:1–18

Pray

- That the Lord will help you to respond to his sovereign work in your life with faith, not fear.
- That the Lord will help you to further understand the person of Jesus Christ and the significance of his arrival.

Bulletin

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: Give Online (through Realm) or in Person by December 31, 2022 (Goal: \$5,500)
- Men's Breakfast: December 10 at 8:00am
- Advent Outreach: December 11 at 3:30pm
- Members' Meeting: December 11 at 5:00pm
- Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 5:00pm
- Christmas Day Service: December 25 at 10:45am (no Sunday school prior to service)
- New Year's Day Service: January 1 at 10:45am (no Sunday school prior to service)
- All-Church Sunday School: January 8 at 9:30am (followed by normally scheduled service at 10:45am)