“I AM THE LORD’S SERVANT”

Luke 1:26–56

Key Verse: 1:38

1. What was the time setting and location? (26) How is Mary described? (27) What did the angel Gabriel tell her, and what did it mean to be “highly favored” by God? (28) How did Mary respond, and why? (29) How did the angel reassure her? (30)
2. What was God’s specific “favor” to Mary? (31) How did the angel describe her son? (32a) What did it mean that he would inherit David’s throne and reign over an eternal kingdom? (32b,33) What did Mary ask and why? (34) How did the angel explain, and what else does it tell us? (35) Why did the angel mention Elizabeth’s pregnancy? (36,37)
3. Read verse 38. What was Mary’s decision? In what ways would it be hard for her to go through with this? Why do you think she made this decision? What can we learn from her?
4. Where did Mary hurriedly go, and why? (39,40) When she got there, what happened to Elizabeth? (41) What did she say about Mary and her baby? (42,43) How could Elizabeth know these things? Why did Elizabeth’s baby leap for joy in her womb? (44) What did she tell Mary, and why was it important for her to hear these words? (45)
5. After Elizabeth encouraged her, describe Mary’s joy (46,47). What did she realize about herself and about God? (48,49) What else did she say about God and his dealings with people? (51–53) About his faithfulness to his people (54,55) What did Mary do, and why? (56)