

## The Wonder of Christmas: Mary's Story

### Luke 1:26-56

Intro: Advent can be the most *wonderful* time of the year, but not

for the reasons listed in the song with that title. Rather, we wonder along with Mary: *How will this be?*

- I. God sent the angel Gabriel to...Mary. [vv. 26-38]
  - a. Mary wondered at his greeting.
  - b. "How will this be," Mary asked, "since I am a virgin?"
  - c. "May your word to me be fulfilled," she said.
  
- II. Mary visits Elizabeth [vv. 39-45, 56]
  - a. The two women, and the miracle babies in their wombs
  - b. John's jump for joy at Jesus
  - c. Did they discuss the prophecies concerning their sons?
  - d. "Blessed is she who has believed..."
  
- III. Mary's *Magnificat* (Latin for "magnifies") [vv. 46-55]
  - a. God had seen faith, humility, and His Word in Mary's heart
  - b. She magnifies her Father above and her Son (His Son!) within
  - c. "...just as he promised..."

Close: God arranged for Mary's upbringing and exposure to His Word and betrothal to Joseph. He aligned events in history and He sent Gabriel to Zechariah and to Mary, and an angel

to the shepherds to announce the news. All because He loved the world so much that He sent His only Son...for us.